



# Yorkton

## PARKLANDS TRADING CENTRE

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## ***The Parkland Trading Centre***

Yorkton, founded on May 10th, 1882, by a courageous little band of settlers who came this way from Toronto, is today the trading centre of possibly the richest agricultural district of the Western Canadian prairies.

The past sixty-five years have witnessed many changes. What was virgin prairie when the first settlers landed has been transformed into a smiling, cultivated countryside, dotted with innumerable farmsteads and served by airways, railroads, good roads and highways and many of the conveniences of modern life. Yorkton centres this rich grain and mixed farming district. It is the recognized capital of Northeastern Saskatchewan.

Every trade index points upward in Yorkton. Bank debits and clearings, post office revenues, wholesale and retail sales, building permits, mortgage and loan payments and the value of farm produce and livestock, all show continuous and spectacular tendencies upward.

Yorkton enjoys a most advantageous financial position, being practically free of debt. Its reserves far exceed the small amount of debentures remaining unpaid. These would have been liquidated long ago had it been possible to call them in. A million dollar reconstruction program has been planned so that Yorkton will keep pace with the most progressive small cities in Canada.

Yorkton is the wholesale distributing centre, educational, judicial, sports and shopping centre for an area 100 miles in radius, constituting the west's premier farm production district.

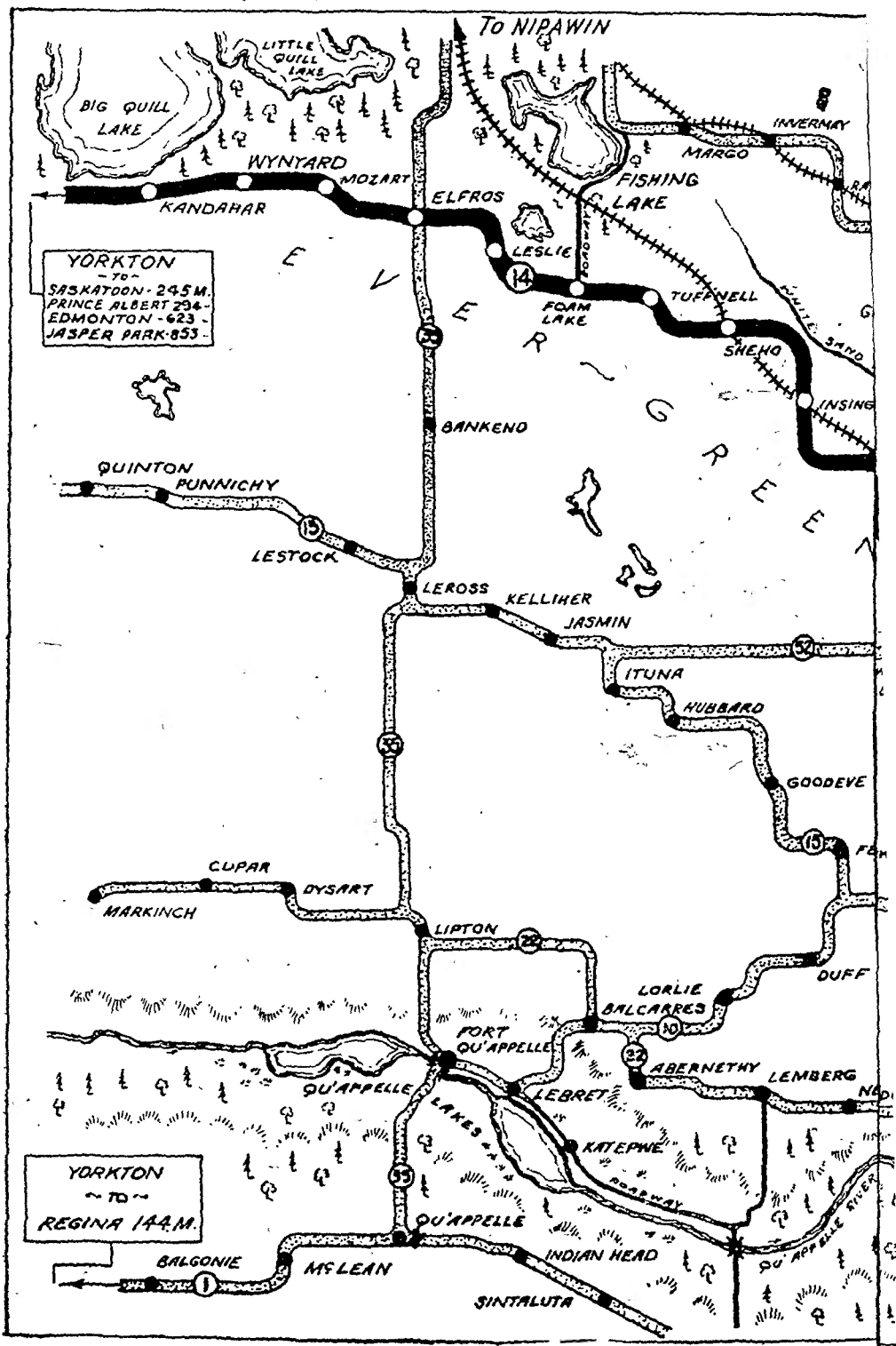
- Over eight million dollars worth of butter, eggs, poultry and dairy products alone are annually exported from Yorkton.

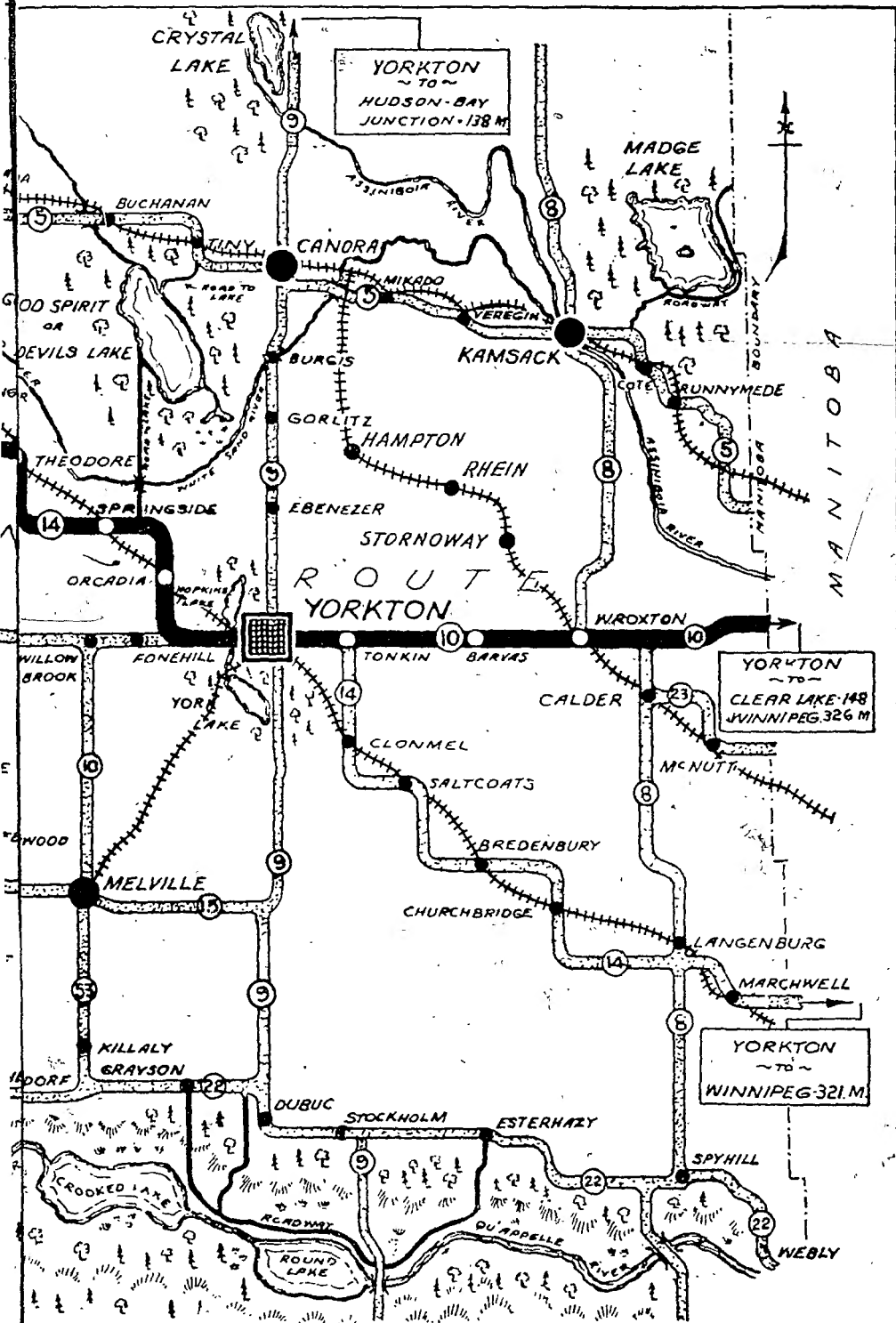
- Last year over half a million dollars worth of furs were shipped from Yorkton.

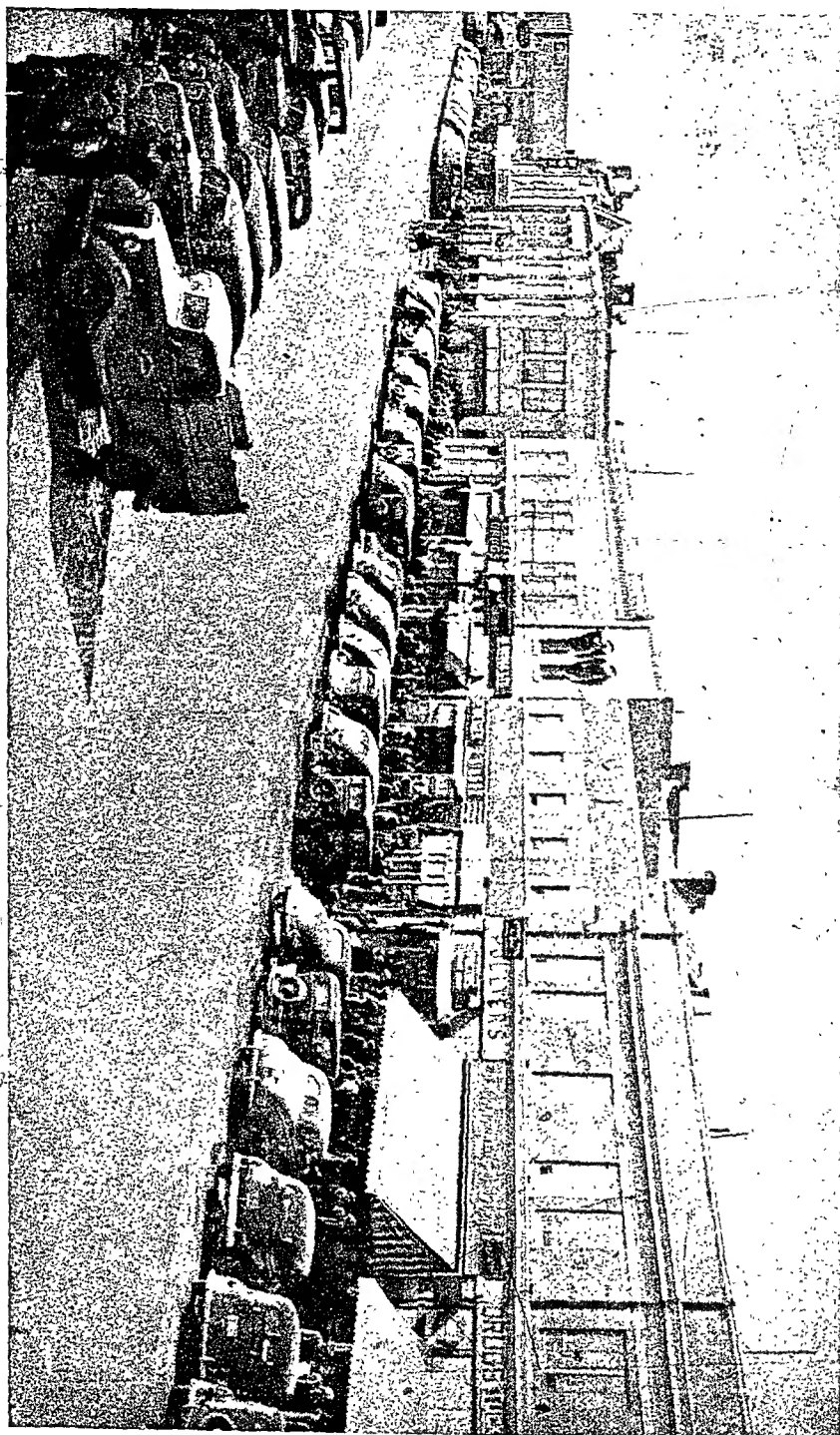
- Field crops in this area in 1946 exceeded \$40,000,000.00, and livestock marketings in the district totalled more than \$13,000,000.00.

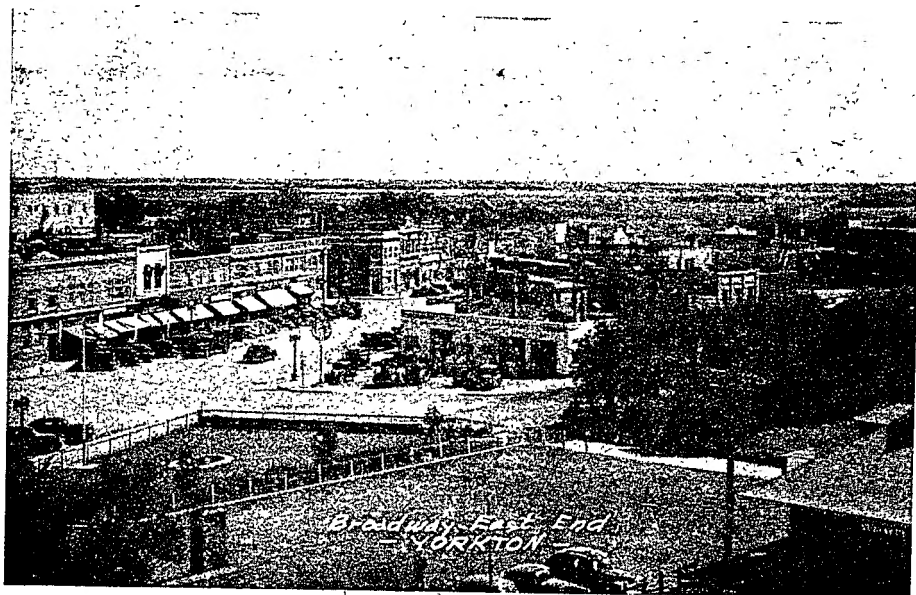
- Participation certificate payments are not included in the above figures which were secured on May 27, 1947, from the Sanford Evans Statistical Service, Winnipeg. The Yorkton area has never experienced a total crop failure and there is an air of prosperity and stability about Yorkton that is unmistakable.

The land surveyors, fore-runners of the pioneer settler, were busy about the year 1880 in their task of locating meridians and sub-dividing into range, township and section the lands which were subsequently to be widely known as the Yorkton district. Following close







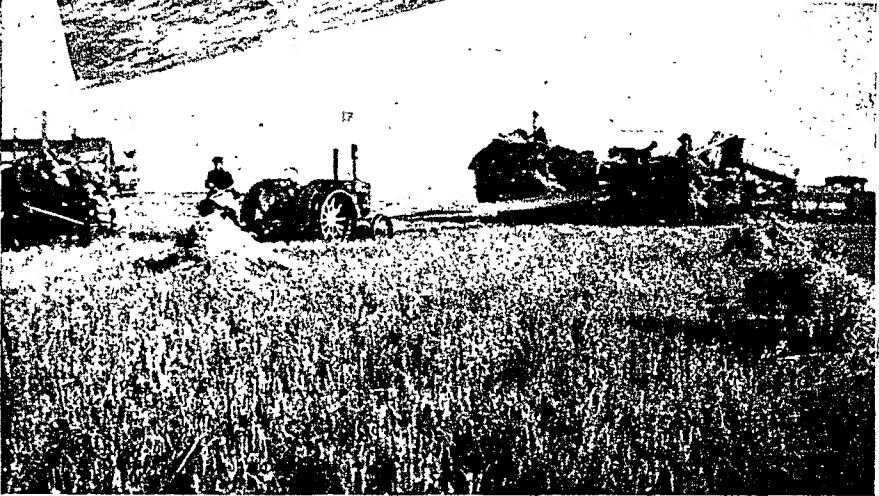


after in point of time came land prospectors on the lookout for desirable lands in large blocks where settlement could be encouraged with the certain knowledge that success would follow the venture.

To the choice selections made by the founders of the York Colony and to the fact that the area selected originally was the centre of a vast expanse of fertile lands of similar characteristics, this City of Yorkton owes in great measure its long years of abounding progress and prosperity.

This trackless region which, prior to the closing years of the nineteenth century, had known no human being who ever thought of seeking wealth therein save by the shooting or trapping of its wild life, has, in much less than the period of man's life-span, produced wealth aggregating uncounted millions of dollars. The ox-team, followed by the more adaptable horse, and now by the gas-powered tractor, straining to the hitch of plow, cultivator and harvester, have all contributed their dumb and massive strength in bringing this vast amount of true wealth and riches to this field of labor and from thence to the wider use and enrichment of the country at large.

All over Western Canada, from the earliest days of settlement, when the first trickle of shipments began, to the present when shipments reach into the hundreds of millions of bushels, wheat has been regarded as king, the overlord of all agricultural products. The Yorkton district has contributed its share in producing and main-





taining the production, of this chief of cereal foods which, in continuous stream, find their way into the trade channels of the world, the foods upon which the millions of other nations depend for their sustenance.

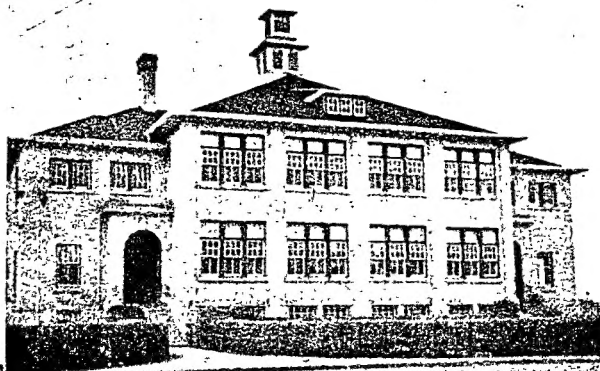
But not alone does this Yorkton district depend upon the growing of wheat to maintain its farming economy in sound condition. In the very early years of settlement the farmers of this territory showed their mettle in the tenacity with which they held on to the basic principles of farming which call for a rounding out of production in a variety of products.

In accordance with that fixed belief, the herds and flocks of the Yorkton district over the years have shown a continuing increase and it is known, not only as a sure-crop district, but as the area from which comes the heaviest production of livestock, hogs, poultry, dairy products, etc., and is also noted for its heavy yields of the coarse grains—oats, barley, rye, flax, etc.—which are the necessary concomitants of a farming practice which includes a large production of livestock.

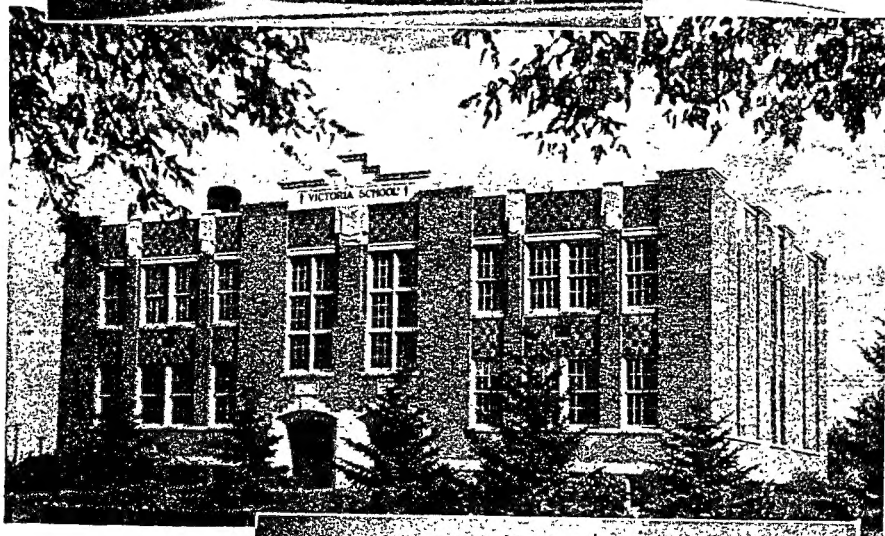
The City of Yorkton finds itself, therefore, the centre of a large and prosperous agricultural community. Many towns, villages and hamlets have been established in the area of which Yorkton has always been acknowledged as the prime centre and these have all contributed in a large measure to the importance and progress of the city. The trade of the local retail stores, the shipments of the local distributing warehouses, the records of machinery deposits and many other active trades, all demonstrate a continuous flow of profitable commerce between the city merchants and the vast countryside.

As would be expected, this enormous volume of exchange passing between the country and city, has built up a very strong and sound municipal government in the City of Yorkton. Since the time of the coming of the railway, now forty-seven years ago, the little hamlet then established has had a record of growth with no serious setback at any time in its march towards the status of city. Even in times of hardship and depression affecting most of Western Canada, this city has never sought favors from the holders of its bonds which at times have totalled over the million dollar mark and now are almost non-existent. A program of reconstruction has been passed upon and accepted which provides for the construction of public buildings and extension of civic works, and these call for expenditures aggregating close to the million dollar mark.

All sections of Eastern Saskatchewan are served from Yorkton. It is the educational, judicial and hospital centre for an area quite as extensive as that of many Canadian cities of much larger population.



Simpson  
Public  
School



Yorkton  
Collegiate  
Institute



## EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

The first Yorkton school was opened on December 13, 1889, with fifteen pupils. The school building was a cottage located near the old mill on the river bank north-east of the site of the present city. In 1901 the first Yorkton public school term commenced in the stone school-house on Argyle Street, a building that remains there to this day.

Forty-six years later finds the City of Yorkton a centre of education with a large collegiate, three public school and two denominational boarding schools.

The Yorkton Collegiate Institute, recognized as a leading secondary school in the province, has an enrolment during the current term (1946-47) of 485 students, approximately forty percent of whom are not residents of the city. It is a composite school, giving academic, technical and commercial courses.

Of the three public schools, the largest is Simpson (299 pupils) which draws pupils from the south section of the city. Victoria (267 pupils) serves the east-central district, and Burke (251 pupils) the north and west districts.

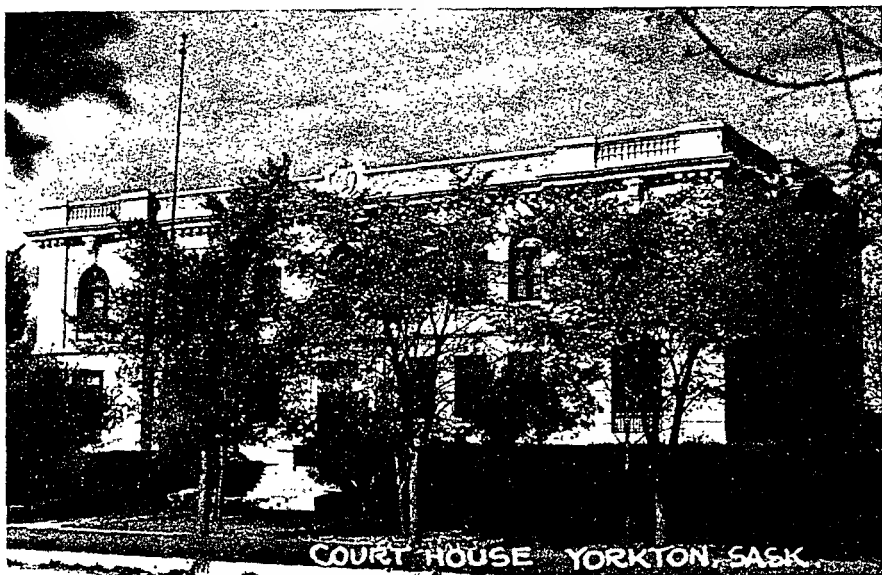
Sacred Heart Academy, a denominational institution for girls enrolls 47 elementary pupils and 78 high school students.

Twenty-six years ago the Christian Brothers founded in Yorkton, at the request of the Catholic Church Extension Society of Canada, a college "for the education of Ukrainian boys." Today, St. Joseph's College enrolls 151 and of this number 125 are resident in the College and 26 are day students. Many of these students are drawn from distant places.

All these schools are show-places in the city due to the vigilance of their respective caretakers. The educators of the City of Yorkton are awake to educational trends and progress, and strive, not unsuccessfully, to provide an education for the youth of the city and district which compares favorably with that obtainable anywhere in this country.

## YORKTON INDUSTRY

A big part of Yorkton's industry is wholesale distributing. There are three wholesale auto parts, three machine shops, three bakeries, one fur dealer, one light and power distributor, two creameries, six wholesale distributors of farm machinery, four wholesale gas and oil, one harness shop, five grocery houses, two fruit houses, one oil refinery, one packing house, one flour mill, one nursery, one quick-freeze plant, one abattoir, two manufacturers of temperance beverages, two printing and publishing plants and one job printing office.



### JUDICIAL CENTRE

Yorkton has been a judicial centre since 1896. On the establishment of the Supreme Court of the North West Territories it was in the Judicial District of Eastern Assiniboia with the judicial centre at Moosomin, with which it had no direct communication except prairie trails. In 1895 the legislature of the North West Territories authorized the appointment of a deputy clerk of the court of the judicial District of Eastern Assiniboia for the Yorkton area and having jurisdiction in a defined area which included all the present judicial district and a portion of what is now the Melville district. The first entry was made in the procedure books of the new sub-district on August 29, 1896.

After the establishment of the Province of Saskatchewan in 1905 the judicial system was in due course reorganized. The Court of King's Bench assumed the

jurisdiction formerly exercised by the Supreme Court and provision was made for District Courts which were given a limited jurisdiction in civil and criminal matters. Yorkton was one of the original eight judicial districts established in 1907. With the development of the province more districts were created and part of the territory originally allotted to Yorkton has gone to form the districts of Melville, Wynyard and Humboldt. The present district is roughly as follows: commencing at a point on the Manitoba boundary about eight miles south of Marchwell, thence north for a distance of 126 miles, thence west for 100 miles, thence south for 100 miles to a point about eight miles north of Fenwood, and thence east and south along township lines and paralleling the C.P.R. main line to the place of beginning.

Shortly after its establishment as a judicial district a resident district court judge was appointed.

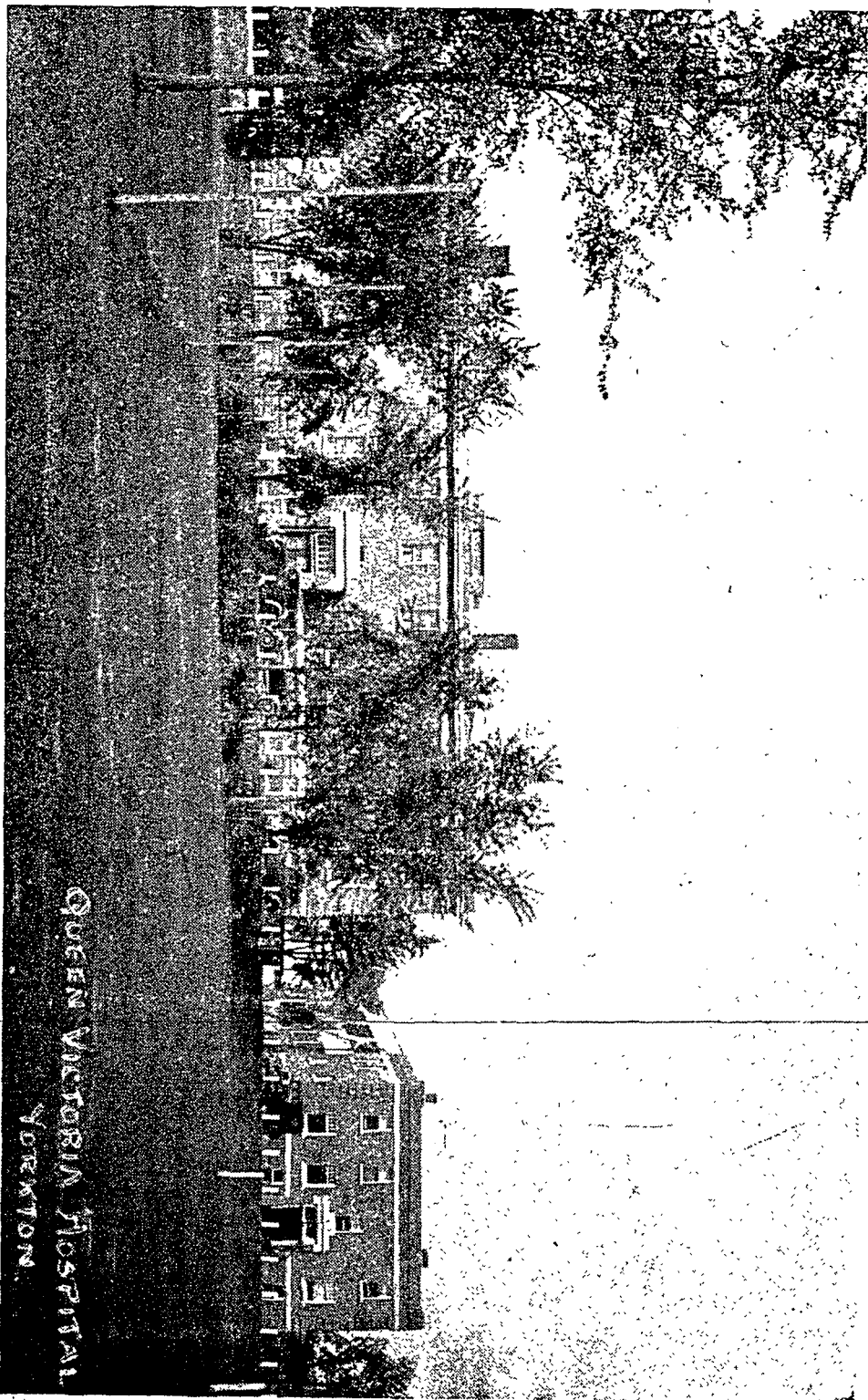
The district court has jurisdiction in actions of debt and damages up to \$1,200.00, and sittings for trial of cases are held at Langenburg, Canora, Kamsack and Pelly. The court also has criminal jurisdiction by consent of the accused. In addition the judge is also judge of the surrogate court and makes all grants of administration of estates and probate of wills and passes the accounts of administrators and executors. The judge is also a local master of the Court of King's Bench and as such has the jurisdiction of a superior court judge in chambers except in a few excepted matters. Under provincial legislation he has extensive powers in controlling proceedings and foreclosures of mortgages and cancellation of agreements for sale. He also acts as a marriage commissioner for performance of civil marriage ceremonies. Under federal legislation he passes upon the qualifications of all persons in the district applying for naturalization and also adjusts the affairs of farmers who are in financial difficulties.

The Court of King's Bench sits three times a year for trial of criminal cases with judge and jury, and for trial either by judge or by judge and jury in civil cases.

The administrative work of the courts is carried out by A. V. Quinn, who is sheriff of all courts, local registrar of king's bench, and clerk of the district and surrogate courts. His office is also registration office for registration of bills of sale, chattel mortgages and lien notes.

The various courts operate from the Court House building, erected by the provincial government in 1920 at a cost of about \$140,000.00, on Memorial Boulevard between Second and Third Avenue.

As a judicial centre Yorkton thus becomes the clearing house for all legal matters in the thickly settled and prosperous area served by the City of Yorkton. There are twelve solicitors practicing in Yorkton at present.



## THE YORKTON GENERAL HOSPITAL

The story of the growth of the Yorkton General Hospital from a ten-bed nursing home to one of the finest and best equipped institutions of its kind in Saskatchewan is a record of community co-operation and public-spirited enterprise unique in the annals of Saskatchewan.

In June of 1901 the citizens of the then pioneer settlement got together and decided to erect a hospital. Including furnishings and equipment and three-acre site the original cottage hospital was completed at a total cost of \$8,661.00. From the day it opened until the present time, Yorkton's hospital has been one of its most important institutions and for almost half a century it has been caring for the sick and relieving the suffering of the people of this area of the west in ever-increasing numbers until today it cares for an average of 142 patients daily and in every essential respect ranks second only to the hospitals of the two larger cities of the province.

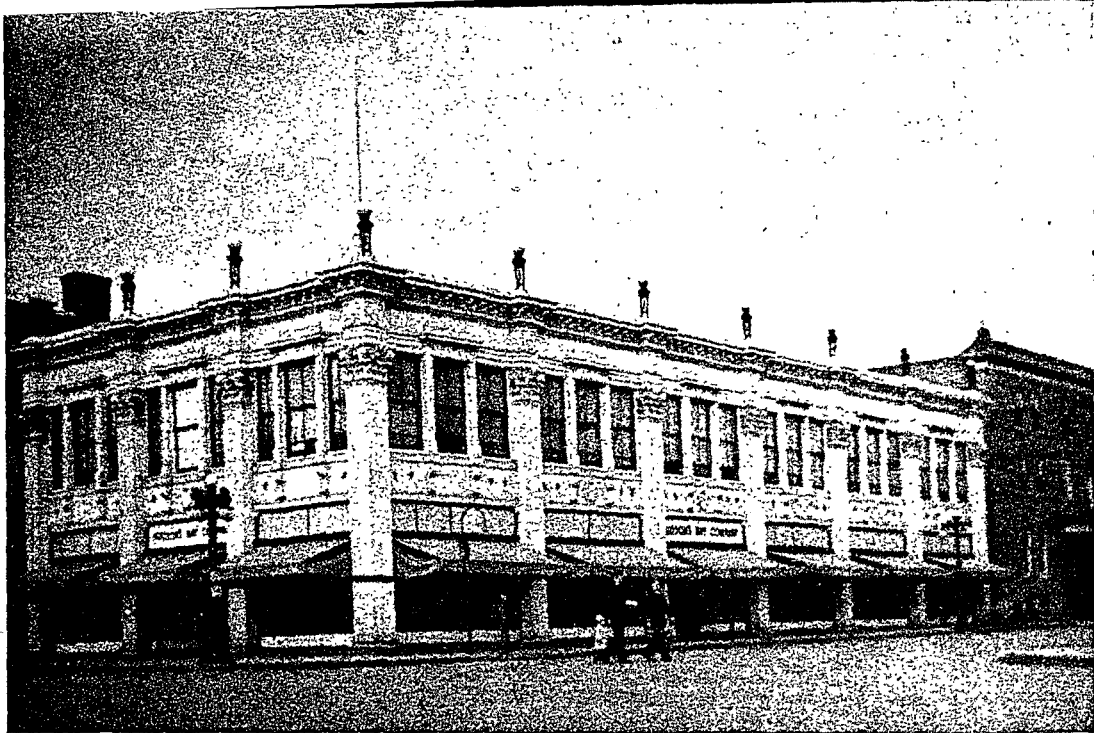
The splendid group of buildings shown in the illustration represents an investment of over \$250,000.00 and includes a modern x-ray department and laboratory in addition to a well-equipped operating room, case room and all the other essentials demanded by modern surgical and medical techniques. A fully equipped laundry is another most necessary adjunct of the institution.

The Yorkton General Hospital School of Nursing is providing a most essential service, not only for the Yorkton hospital but for the hospital field generally. Students receive the best of training, are housed in an all-modern residence and Yorkton graduates are in demand and are occupying important positions in the nursing profession in some of the largest cities of both Canada and the United States.

The medical staff of the Yorkton hospital has built up a splendid reputation and has made Yorkton an important medical centre. Patients come to Yorkton from a radius of 150 miles in all directions, knowing that here they can rely upon receiving the highest quality of medical advice and treatment and the best of nursing care.

Yorkton has been selected as the medical centre for Health Region No. 10 and when this has been organized will serve one of the most densely populated areas of the province. The Yorkton hospital is destined to play a most important part in the government's new socialized health scheme and the City Council and the Board of Governors stand pledged to assist in every way in this great project which insures that Yorkton will continue, as in the past, as one of the most important medical centres of Saskatchewan.

For the past few years the hospital accommodation



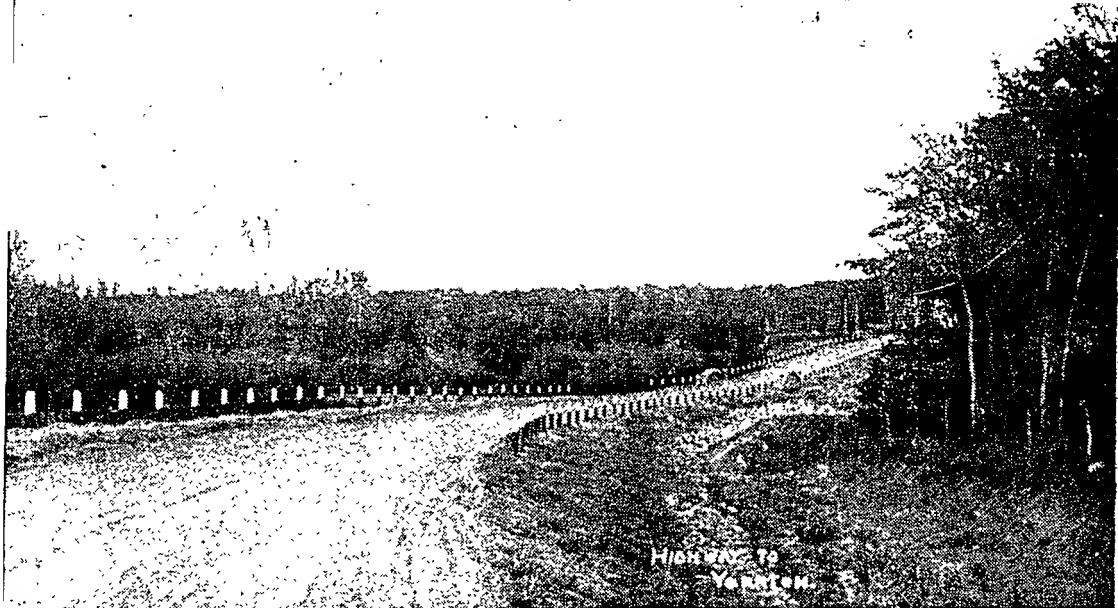
has been taxed far beyond its capacity. As a partial solution to this problem an auxiliary hospital was opened at the former R.C.A.F. training station, a few miles from the city, in the building formerly used for this purpose by the air force. This will eventually provide an additional fifty beds and as the facilities there are of the best this new hospital is helping considerably towards the solution of a serious problem for this section of the province.

### FINE RETAIL STORES

Yorkton retailers believe they serve 35,000 families in this area who have an annual income of \$110,000,000.00. In 1946 retail sales and services in Yorkton approximated \$20,000,000.00.

In the way of retail service, Yorkton has four departmental stores, four hardware, one exclusive furniture store, three hotels, five electric shops, four retail farm machine shops, six cafes, three ladies' ready to wear, four drug stores, fourteen grocery stores, one exclusive shoe shop, one exclusive dry goods store, four jewelry, one men's wear, two paint and wallpaper, five plumbing and heating, three dry cleaning and pressing, six barber shops, nine beauty parlors, nine insurance agencies, seven fuel dealers, six butcher shops, five general stores, seven garages, eight filling stations, three machine shops and three lumber yards.





### **YORKTON SERVED WITH GOOD HIGHWAYS**

The City of Yorkton is served with an excellent network of highways which is largely responsible for the large volume of business enjoyed by this city.

In the year 1931 the Saskatchewan government decided to divide the province into eight highway districts. In each of these districts a substantial warehouse was erected to house highway machinery and highway staff for the district and from these district centres highway patrols and all highway activities for the district operate.

The City of Yorkton was selected as one of these centres and is the headquarters for the whole of North-eastern Saskatchewan. This choice has proved a happy one, both for the sake of Yorkton business and for the purpose of serving the large area involved, both in winter and in summer.

From the centre of Yorkton 24-foot highways with a three to one slope on the sides and built throughout to a proper and safe standard radiate in every direction. These highways also are completely gravelled and kept well maintained and are safe for traffic in every kind of weather. In addition, the snowplows also radiate from Yorkton and the main highways are kept open throughout almost every winter.

Yorkton citizens can proudly boast that they have one of the best highway systems in Western Canada and these highways radiate from Yorkton in every direction, and are as follows:

- 1.—Yorkton, west on No. 14 via Willowbrook, and continuing on Highway No. 52 and 15 directly west to Nokomis, Watrous and Manitou Provincial Park, the "Carlsbad of America" and proceeding directly west

across the province to Rosetown on the Alberta border on to Drumheller and Calgary, Alta. This is the shortest east and west road across the province. The same highway proceeds directly east of Yorkton to the Manitoba border on to Dauphin and to the Riding Mountain National Park, including therein beautiful Clear Lake and the park operated by the federal government, and thence on to Portage la Prairie and Winnipeg, being known as Highway No. 10 Yorkton east.

2.—North and west on No. 14 Highway past the Quill Lakes at Wynyard (being one of the best goose hunting grounds in the west), thence on to the City of Saskatoon, Sask., to North Battleford and Edmonton; from Edmonton there is a direct highway connection north through the Peace River and along to the Alaska Highway and the Yukon to Alaska. This is known as the Evergreen Route and is the most scenic north-westerly route across the province. This is the proposed trans-Canada route to Edmonton and the Alaska Highway and the federal government proposes to contribute to the hard-surfacing thereof at an early date.

3.—No. 10 Highway, south and east via the town of Melville, to the City of Regina, the Capital City of Saskatchewan and south to the Montana border on No. 6 Highway, entering the State of Montana, north of Plentywood, Montana.

4.—No. 9 Highway. This is the shortest north and south route across the Province of Saskatchewan and is known as the "Pine to Palm" route. Its northern point at present is The Pas, Manitoba, from whence it is expected it will ultimately extend to Fort Churchill on the Hudson's Bay. It proceeds south-westerly from The Pas to Hudson Bay (Junction), thence directly south through Yorkton and is without doubt the most scenic highway in the province. North of Yorkton it passes in close proximity to many beautiful lakes that teem with fish, such as McBride Lake, Preeceville Lake, Good Spirit Lake, Lake Madge and directly south of Yorkton past Leech Lake, Crescent Lake, through the beautiful Qu'Appelle Valley, to Round Lake and Crooked Lake, also teeming with fish and fed by the Qu'Appelle River, which in turn enters into the Assiniboine and ultimately Lake Manitoba, thence straight south through the beautiful Provincial



Moose Mountain Park past Fish Lake and Carlyle Lake to the North Dakota border and on through to Minot and ultimately Mexico.

5.—No. 14 Highway, south and east from Yorkton to Minnedosa and Portage la Prairie and Winnipeg and south to Minneapolis and St. Paul.

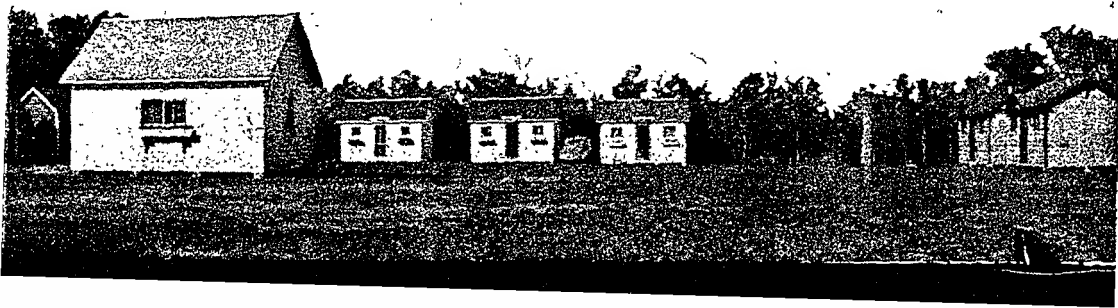
All of these roads leading from Yorkton pass through a beautifully treed and fertile grain growing and livestock raising area. This section of the country is a hunter's paradise, abounding in what is commonly known as the prairie chicken or sharp-tailed grouse, ruffed grouse, pheasants, Hungarian partridge, wild geese and ducks, and deer of all kinds, including, to the north of Yorkton, elk, caribou and moose.

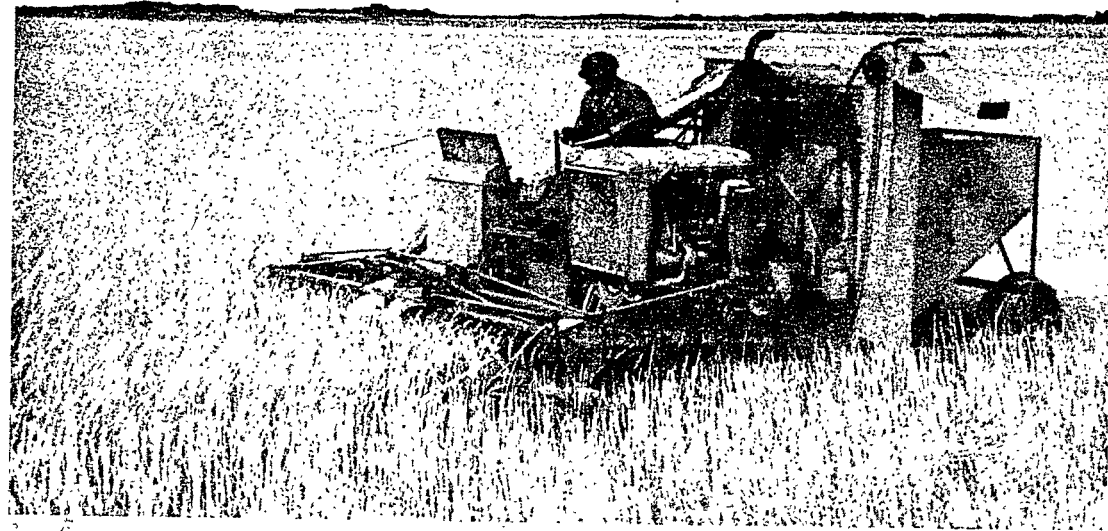
Fishermen from different States of the Union attend regularly each spring and fall at the many lakes accessible from these highways. The lakes abound in perch, pickerel and wall-eyed pike and the rivers with gold-eyes, graylings and sturgeon. In the northern lakes, lake trout abound, running as high in weight as 64 pounds.

Rural municipalities throughout the Yorkton area are rapidly improving their secondary highways and reasonable access throughout the area to game, fishing and picnic places can be reached over these secondary highways.

### TOURIST CAMP

Yorkton's 24-cabin auto camp is the largest and best equipped between Winnipeg and Saskatoon. Located in a natural grove in a quiet section of the city it offers the weary traveller a haven of rest and provides every facility for the setting up of a home of his own amid pleasant surroundings during his stay in the city. A resident caretaker keeps the grounds neat and tidy, supplies hot water, laundry and shower bath facilities, etc. The accommodation is limited at present, as, due to the acute housing shortage, many of the cabins are occupied by permanent tenants. It is hoped that this situation will improve at an early date so that all tourists can be accommodated. Until that time every effort will be made to provide the best available accommodation to temporary visitors to the city.

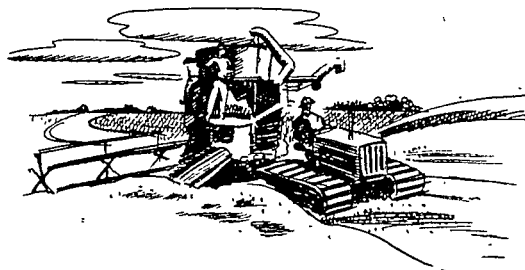




### AGRICULTURE THE BACKBONE

It has been admitted time and time again by the citizens of Yorkton that it is agriculture that really makes this city tick. Yorkton serves a district which is one of the most heavily populated in the province. The present population, or their ancestors, migrated to this area from many countries of the world. Most of the rural residents carry on intensive mixed farming, the district being peculiarly suited to same.

A large number of beef cattle and hogs are produced in the territory served by Yorkton, and although it is not considered a sheep-raising district, many of the farms are stocked with small flocks of sheep, which in the aggregate make a considerable contribution of wool and mutton to the world markets.





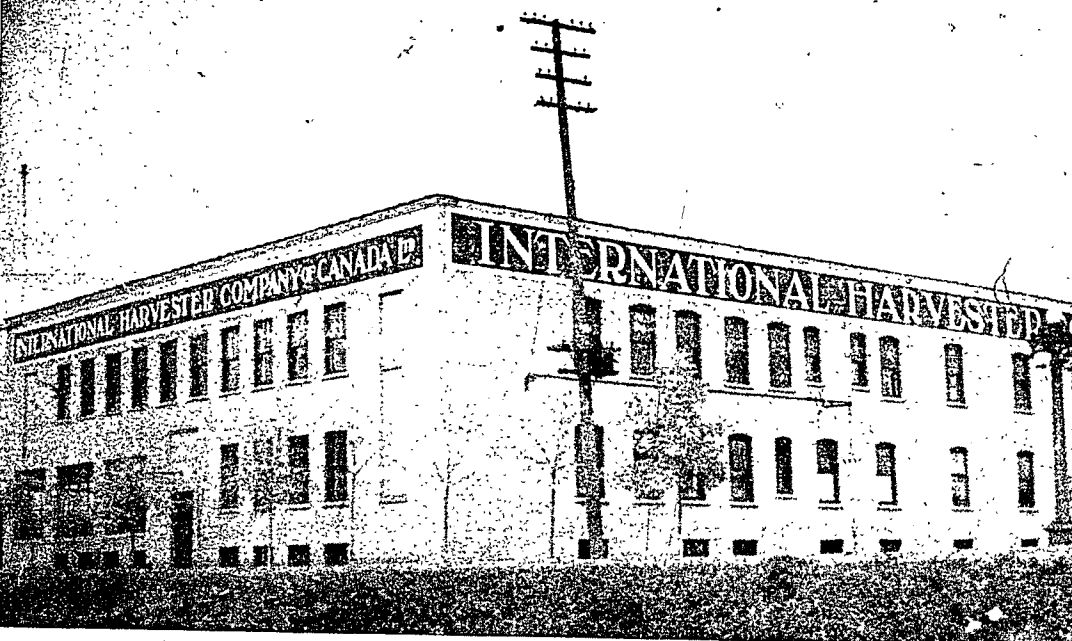
Very few of the farmers are without a number of milk cows, and as a result the production of milk, with all its bi-products, is an enterprise of major importance.

The district is one of the foremost in the province in the production of poultry and eggs, and incidentally is one of the largest turkey producing areas in Canada.

During recent years, great strides have been made by many agricultural organizations in the interests of farm production, and also in the marketing of the produce. Most of these enterprises are centred around a large and very active Agricultural Society. This society sponsors rural boys' and girls' clubs, farm camps, horticultural club, fruit club, victory gardens, fat stock shows and sales.

A purebred livestock sale is an outstanding yearly





event, when the buyer and the seller meet in the interests of improved quality in livestock production.

In this mixed farming area, where the soil is so suited for the growing of mixed crops, great quantities of wheat, oats and barley are produced. As a matter of fact the yield per acre for these crops is much better than the average yield of most other districts, verifying that the soil and climate are definitely suited for the economic production of these crops in a mixed farming economy.

Of later years the farmers have been awakened to the urgent need of foodstuffs, so necessary for all the peoples of the world. It is their intention to supply their share of these requirements from the products of the soil. Their slogan is, therefore, "Mass economic production for a world in need." Hungry people are never contented or happy.

Our farmers have accepted the challenge to do their part to assist in making this word "hunger" less familiar to those who now suffer its pangs.

The Yorkton Milling Company is one of Yorkton's oldest industries. The approximate yearly grind of wheat at this mill is 270,000 bushels. The production of this mill enters both the local and export trades. This year exports were made to Peru, China, Philippine Islands, Italy, Eire and Great Britain.

Millfeeds are sold locally and help to support the local livestock industry. Also large quantities are shipped to Ontario and Quebec. Mixed feeds are manufactured at the mill and are sold to local farmers and to dealers in this territory.

## MACHINE SHOPS AND DISTRIBUTORS

Almost all Canadian farm implement companies have distributing warehouses and repair shops in Yorkton. They carry large stocks of repair parts to supply this corner of the province.

Many of the tire and rubber companies have distributors here that carry large stocks of tires and tubes as well as other rubber goods. They also have equipment for vulcanizing and repairing tires and tubes from the smallest car tire to the largest tires for tractors.

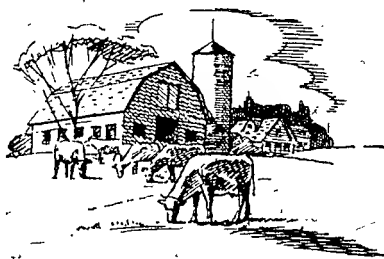
Yorkton has several automotive distributors carrying large stocks of automobile and tractor repairs as well as garage and machine shop equipment and supplies.

Numerous gasoline and oil companies have distributing plants as well as service stations in Yorkton. Several grain companies have elevators here or distributors handling flour and feeds.

There are a number of splendid machine shops in Yorkton capable of rebuilding trucks or tractors. They are experts at crankshaft grinding, cylinder reboring, connecting rod and main bearing rebabbitting and line boring. Yorkton also has shops to repair magnetos, generators, starters and cut and fit auto body glass.

Most all makes of cars are sold and serviced by modern garages with the latest tools for servicing the particular car they sell. These garages also carry good stocks of parts. Some of the popular makes of cars are distributed from Yorkton covering Northeastern Saskatchewan.

A modern axle straightening and wheel aligning shop is also located here.







## WILD LIFE ABOUNDS IN AREA

To the sportsman the Yorkton district offers a nice variety of wild life. Within a few miles of the city are the Upper and Lower Rousay Lakes, Leech Lake and Crescent Lake. These lakes, with the surrounding area, form one of the big duck factories of Ducks Unlimited. Mallards, Pintails, Redheads, Broadbills, Teal and other species return year after year to raise their young.

Geese are also found on some of these lakes. Upland grouse are here in fair numbers and offer to the visiting sportsman good hunting. In the park-like wooded areas, Whitetail or Virginia deer have become so numerous that in 1946 the government and municipalities declared an open season. They are still plentiful enough to warrant more open seasons.

York Lake is a real beauty spot, four miles from the city, and has been stocked with pickerel. With the finishing of the project started by Ducks Unlimited, members of the Fish and Game League consider that the water will be raised sufficiently to make this an ideal fishing place.

For the naturalist there is much wild life to study. Birds of many kinds nest in the treed areas, while pelican, cranes, grebes, coots, plover, etc., are found around the lakes.

Hérons and some turkey vulture are also to be found here. A live natural history club will help the visitor in search of objects for study.

Fishermen can make this their headquarters and reach the valley lakes, Lake Madge, or Fishing Lake within two hours' drive.

In the meadows bordering the Rousay Lakes, foxes and coyotes are still numerous. These lakes produced a splendid harvest of fine muskrats in the open season of 1945-46, under the trapping plan of the Saskatchewan government.

Yorkton boasts of a very live branch of the Saskatchewan Fish and Game League and its members are always ready to give the visitor directions so that he may find suitable hunting.

A number of fine hardware stores cater to the needs of the hunters and fishermen, carrying plenty of shells and fishing tackle.

Hunters from the outside will be made welcome if they decide to come to Yorkton to make this city their headquarters.



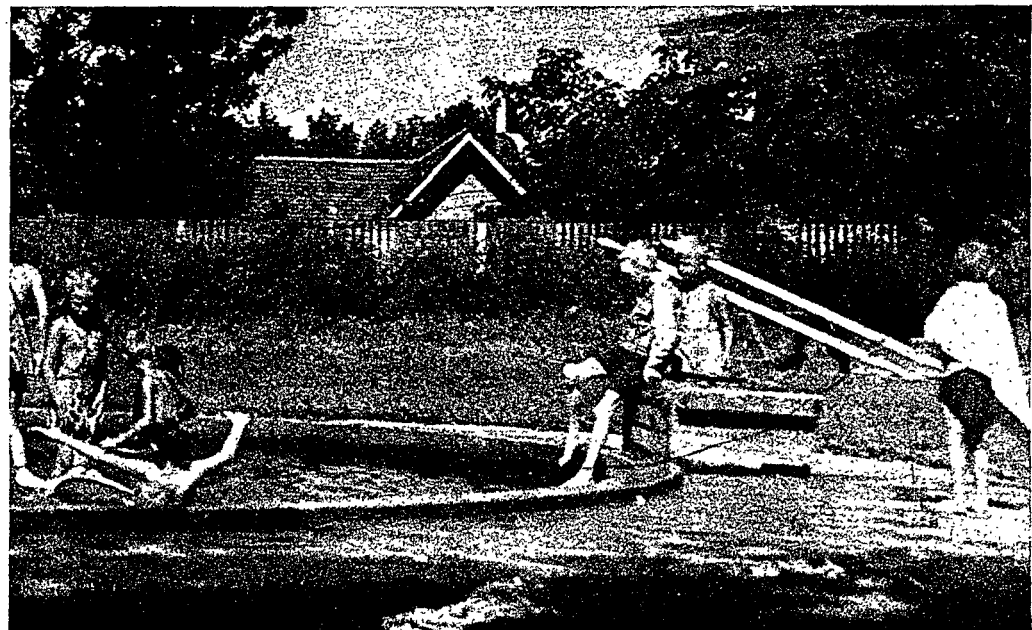
## YORKTON A SPORT CENTRE

In the summer baseball, softball, golf and tennis are all enjoyed in Yorkton. The Knights of Pythias recently supplied Yorkton with the finest baseball diamond in Western Canada at Jubilee Park and here tournaments are run off every year, attracting the leading ball clubs in the province. Softball is played at many places throughout the city, and a city league is always in operation during the fine weather. The Yorkton Tennis Club operates two fine courts just east of Tupper Avenue adjoining Jubilee Park. Yorkton also supports two fine golf clubs. Deer Park Golf Club is just west of the city, while the York Lake Club is in operation four miles south-west of Yorkton.

There is a tendency on the part of us all to recall a certain decade of our lives as "the golden age." Ironical as it may seem "the hungry thirties" are often looked upon by many as Yorkton's "golden age" of sport. For it was during these years that the Yorkton Terriers performed on the icelanes of this province. As Sparta put an end to the glory of Athens, so the war brought to an end the Terrier era. But in Yorkton, as in Greece, the spirit—though dormant—lived on, and has renewed itself in minor and senior "B" hockey even as the spirit of the Greeks was renewed under the leadership of Alexander.

Today, chief of the winter sports in Yorkton are hockey, skating and curling, while bowling comes into its own indoors. This year basketball was added to the list when a successful city league operated.

The Canadian Legion restored intermediate hockey in the 1945-46 season and moved up into senior "B" company the following year. In 1946-47 Yorkton headed the league composed of Flin Flon Bombers, Melville Millionaires and Regina Royals, who played out of Balcarres.



Yorkton has established an enviable record for itself in minor hockey. It all began a few years back when a group of young men put minor hockey on a proper basis and brought Yorkton its first provincial championship when the midgets won out in 1937. More recently the Public School Board and the service clubs have handled this all-important branch of hockey and have been eminently successful. In the spring of 1946 they picked off both the bantam and midget provincial titles and the juveniles just lost out by a whisker. This year the midgets won the Saskatchewan championship and the juveniles lost out in the final series with Saskatoon. The Legionaires headed their Senior "B" League but lost out in the finals to Flin Flon.

Throughout the winter months hundreds here participate almost daily in skating, either as members of the Yorkton Skating Club, who this year had over 400 members, as seasonal members at the rink or on the Civic Service Club open air rink. An attempt is now being made to bring a figure skating instructor to Yorkton to improve the performance for the annual ice carnival.

Curlers make the claim that it is their game that is the brightest star in Yorkton's winter firmament. Hundreds participate in the roarin' game and their mid-winter bonspiel has attracted as many as 86 rinks from near and far. This year a fine new curling rink is to be built which will provide six extra sheets of ice and it is anticipated that there may well be 100 or more rinks in the 1947-48 bonspiel.

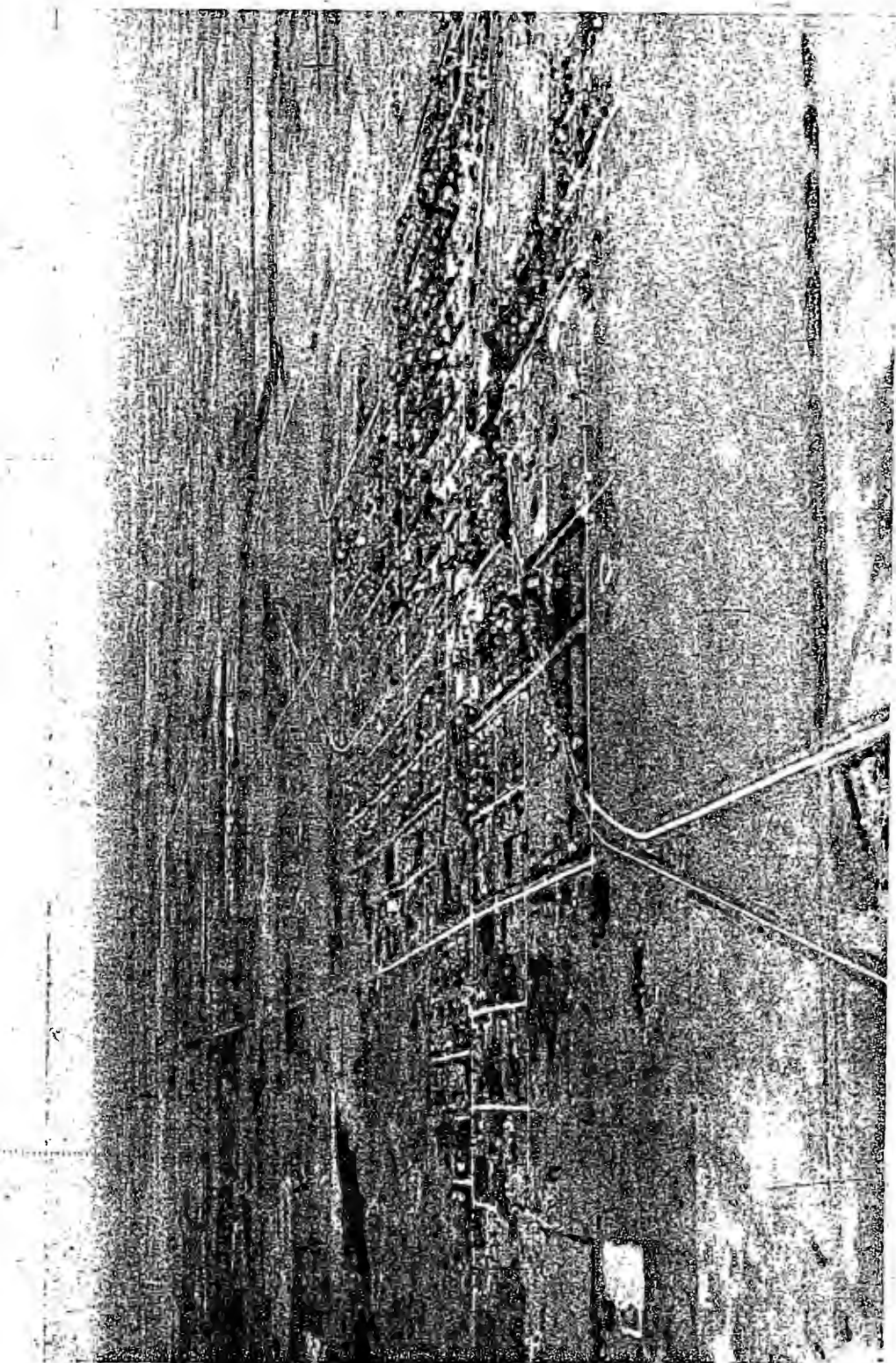
The Brunner Cup is recognized as the finest curling trophy in Western Canada, and added to this are the Grand Challenge (Board of Trade trophy), the Park, the T. Eaton, the Bowman, the Hudson's Bay, the Canadian Utilities and Grand Aggregate. Supporting this silverware are prizes valued at hundreds of dollars.

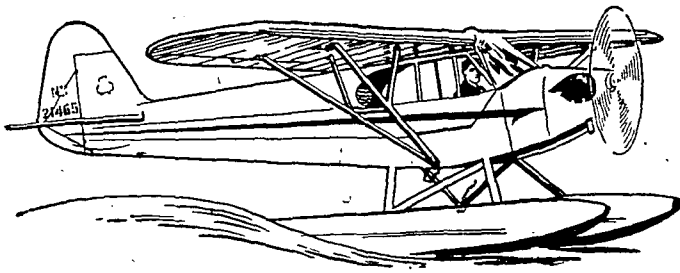
### **YORKTON BOASTS AIR SERVICE**

The Yorkton Flying Services was organized in 1946 in co-operation with the aviation section of the Board of Trade. Mr. Ingham, veteran pilot instructor, who learned to fly previous to World War II and acted as pilot instructor at air observer schools during the war, holds transportation pilot's license, pilot instructor's license, and air engineer's license.

The Yorkton Flying Services offers sight-seeing tours from their base at Yorkton or from temporary bases at country gatherings or sports days. Also available for charter trips, emergency trips and timber cruising. Complete flying instruction is a specialty and anyone desiring to learn the art of flying may obtain their private, commercial or transport license through this service.

New, modern streamlined aircraft are used by this



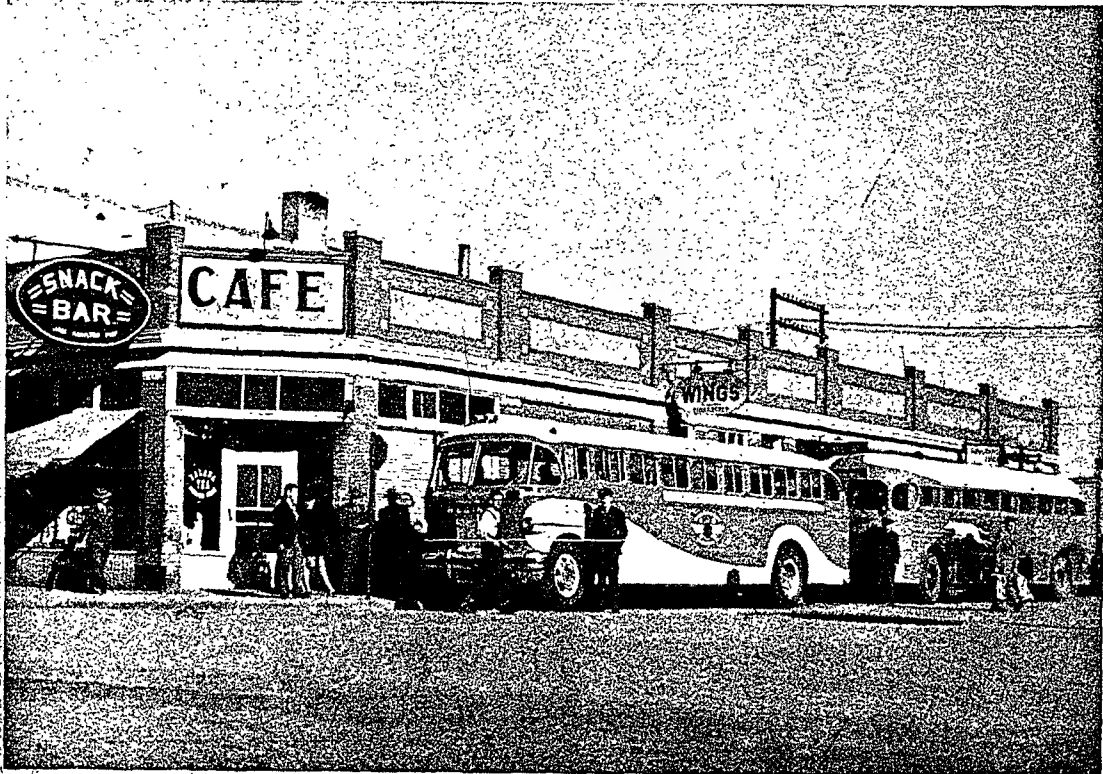


service and this equipment includes three J3 Piper Cub trainers, recognized the world over as the safest aircraft for student instruction and private pilots' use. For cross-country flying and more advanced students the all-metal deluxe Cessna 140 is available. For charter service or emergency calls the three-place Piper super cruiser is used.

This fleet of aircraft gives a wide choice to a prospective student, advanced students or those interested in passenger charter and sight-seeing tours, and is one of the most complete fleets operating in Western Canada.

The Yorkton Flying Services field and base is located south of Yorkton on Laurier Ave., just ten minutes' walk from the heart of downtown Yorkton. Visitors are welcome at any time.

The staff consists of fully licensed pilots and air engineer. All instructors are fully qualified and licensed by the Department of Transport.





## MUSIC PLAYS BIG PART IN LIFE OF YORKTON

"Music hath charm," said the bard. Then Yorkton is truly a charmed city.

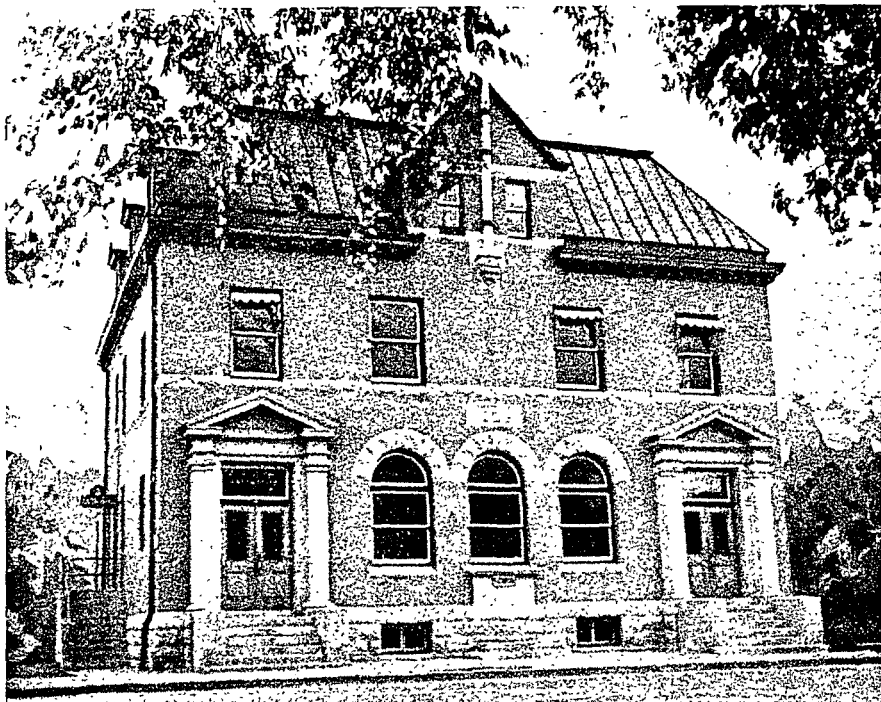
Music is doubly important in a war-torn world and it was to youth that energies were redoubled both in the schools and by the individual music teachers. During this period the musical festival of former years was revived. For four years the effort grew until in 1946 there was a greater entry from a wider area than previously. The co-operation of CJGX broadcasting station highlighted proceedings by announcing news twice daily "hot from the platform" and providing an opportunity for a broadcast of some winners. The Ida N. Bates and Major Livingstone I.O.D.E. Chapters assist with a scholarship to be awarded to the contestant who in the opinion of the adjudicator shows the most outstanding talent.

The Collegiate students presented a splendid operetta in 1946, supplying their own orchestra for accompaniment and it is understood these are to become annual events. St. Joseph's College has come forth with a male chorus. Not only does this group delight Yorkton audiences but has broadcast a bi-monthly program.

Yorkton now boasts of a city band of 60 pieces which is rapidly developing into a first-class musical organization.

Yorkton's musical promise for the future gleams brightly and will no doubt surpass the excellent record of the years gone by.





## POSTAL SERVICES

The Yorkton post office is the largest in North-eastern Saskatchewan and serves a wide area in all directions. It furnishes excellent service to all post offices by train, motor vehicle and rural routes. It has direct connections with Trans-Canada Airlines daily via Winnipeg and Regina. Letters posted for air transportation will reach all the larger cities in Canada and the United States within a 24-hour period.

Few people realize just what service the post office offers. It enters into every phase of our daily life. It transmits money. It carries letters. It encourages thrift by means of the post office savings bank. It handles government annuities. It delivers parcels and special delivery articles.

All articles of value should be registered for safety and sure delivery. Senders can be indemnified up to \$100 in case of loss.

The insurance and C.O.D. business is a large part of what goes on in the Yorkton post office. Insurance is free within Canada up to the value of \$50.00, but a small charge is made on parcels mailed for delivery outside Canada. C.O.D. charges are quite low. Tourists, when visiting Canada, if mailing articles, should use Canadian postage stamps.



Although not exempt from delays generally ascribed to "acts of God and the King's enemies" there is no other business in the country which keeps to its schedules more closely than does the postal service.

Yorkton is one of six Saskatchewan cities that has letter carrier service, parcel post service and collection of mails from letter boxes. There are also two rural routes emanating from the Yorkton office, as well as motor vehicle service to some post offices.

Approximately one million pieces of mail are handled in the Yorkton post office annually by a staff of thirteen. Postage stamp sales amount to \$75,000.00 annually, and about half a million dollars is paid out in money orders and postal notes. Sales of money orders and postal notes in the Yorkton office amount to about \$250,000.00 annually.

That there is a large volume of liquid capital in circulation in Yorkton is demonstrated by the very heavy bank deposits and another index is the sale of victory bonds during the war. Here are the sales of bonds in (1) Yorkton district, and (2) city:

	(1)	(2)
1st, 1941 .....	\$663,700.00	\$157,400.00
2nd, 1942 .....	396,850.00	203,900.00
3rd, 1942 .....	431,550.00	242,750.00
4th, 1943 .....	665,800.00	369,800.00
5th, 1943 .....	729,500.00	361,100.00
6th, 1944 .....	885,350.00	303,350.00
7th, 1944 .....	1,111,350.00	358,650.00
8th, 1945 .....	1,045,250.00	358,900.00
9th, 1945 .....	1,409,050.00	462,800.00
Total .....	7,338,400.00	2,818,650.00

### **LIGHT AND POWER**

For many years back a private corporation has given electric service to the city, which has proved to be of inestimable benefit in the provision of power and light. The rates are reasonable in comparison with any other similar utility in the province.

There has come about recently a change in ownership of this utility by reason of its purchase by the provincial government. It is expected that developments following this change will lead to extension in capacity and the lowering of rates.

# Yorkton

Always made  
it's Quota

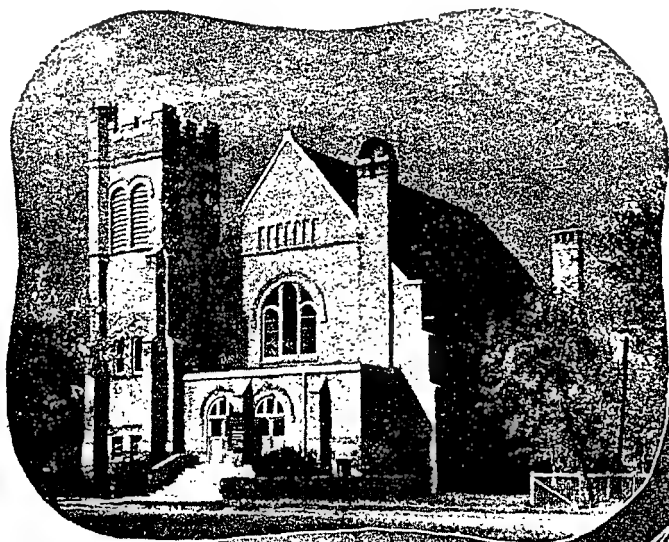


### THE ROTARY PUBLIC LIBRARY

A public library sponsored by the Yorkton Rotary Club is conveniently situated in the downtown section of the city on Third Avenue. The library, with approximately 1,000 books, is open to the public from 4 to 6 p.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, and from 7 to 9 o'clock in the evenings on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. A librarian is in charge at all times. Adult membership tickets sell for \$1.00 a year. Over 700 children have been given free membership tickets. Present plans in the city's rehabilitation program includes \$58,000.00 for a library and museum building.

### YORKTON THE CITY OF CHURCHES

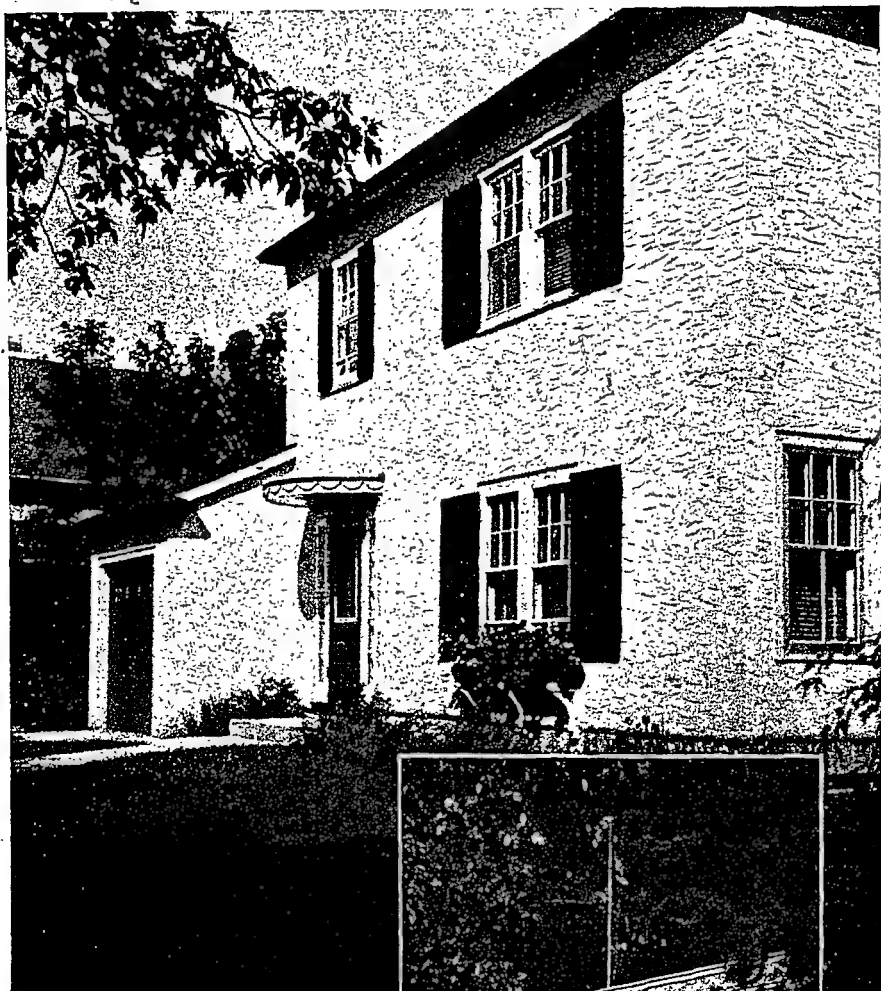
Few cities in the Dominion, of comparative size, can equal Yorkton in the number of churches. Twenty-three different religious denominations hold weekly services, serving the spiritual needs of the city and community. Practically all have resident ministers and permanent church buildings. Several congregations are planning new buildings in the near future.



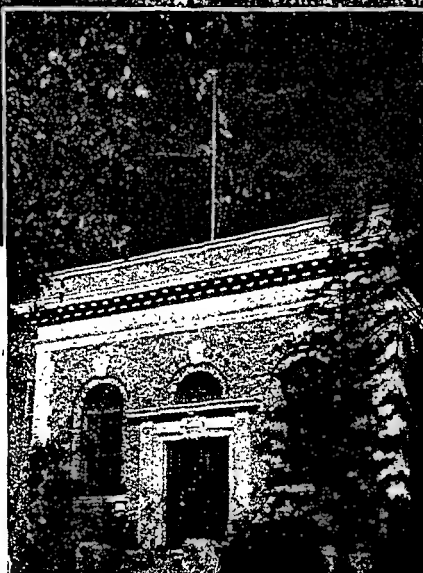
St. Andrew's  
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and  
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A Yorkton  
Residence and the  
Land Titles Office



## YORKTON—THE ROSE CITY OF SASKATCHEWAN

The Yorkton Horticultural Society celebrates this year its 36th annual exhibition. It is the oldest continuous society in Saskatchewan. As a matter of fact its first show was held several years before 1911.

Among some of the most beautiful monuments to the old-timers of Yorkton, you will find trees growing here that almost never die, according to human standards. Some of these trees are not native, but they have thrived and prospered in soil such as you find in the Yorkton district. Our native trees locally are poplar, balsam of gilead, common and red willow, white birch, and in the northern portion, spruce, fir, and in the most eastern portion, scrub oak. Box elder and cottonwood were introduced by the early settlers and are some of our most stately trees. We now grow Colorado blue spruce, Koster blue spruce and mountain ash of two varieties. You can find specimen trees of tamarac, soft maple, weeping birch, walnut and lime. Dozens of varieties of crabapples are grown, the most successful varieties of which are Sylvia Dulgo, reputed to be the best jelly crab in Canada, Osman and Transcendent. Many varieties of plums can be, and are, grown.

Yorkton is known as the Rose City of Saskatchewan; it is the emblem of the Horticultural Society, and there is scarcely a good flower gardener in Yorkton who does not grow some variety of rose, including what is known as the rose of the north—the peony.

In the Yorkton Horticultural Society flower show there is, however, one flower which is outstanding, and that is the gladiolus. Visitors who have seen the Yorkton gladiolus show state that the soil seems peculiarly suited to this flower.

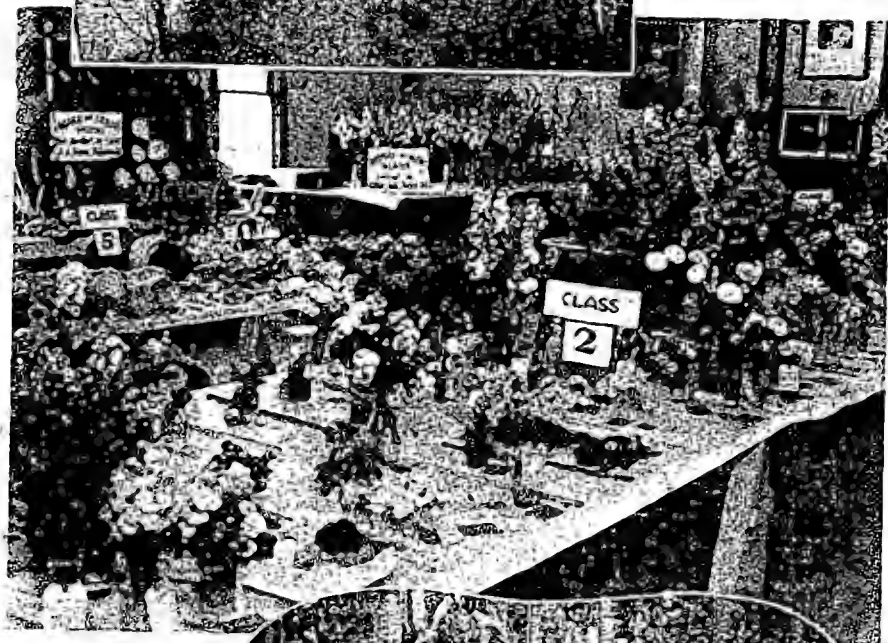
If you consider the population, Yorkton far outclasses any horticultural society in membership in the west. The membership has been approximately 200 for the past few years.

There is an annual prize given for the best home grounds in the city and it is of interest to note that the prizes won in this competition have annually been spread throughout the city. With no entries required, the City Council annually donates money for this prize.

Yorkton school grounds have been held up to the province as a model of perfection.

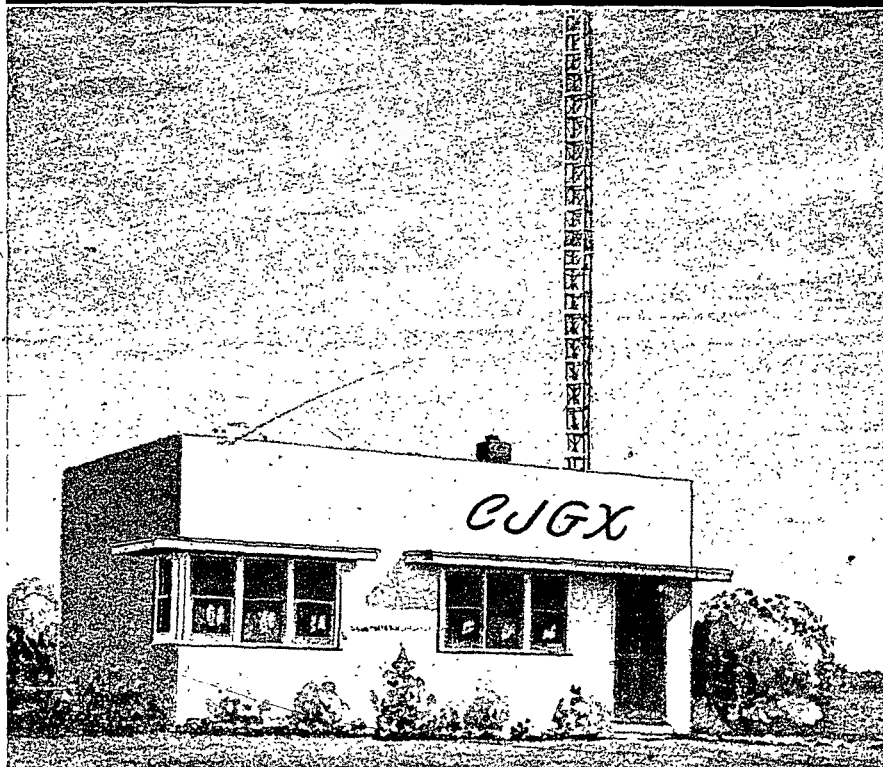


A Lake  
at Yorkton  
Fair Grounds



What Yorkton  
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### **WIDE AREA SERVED BY RADIO STATION CJGX**

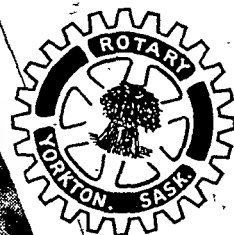
Operating on an assigned frequency of 940 kilocycles with a power of 1000 watts, radio station CJGX serves Yorkton and a wide area of Saskatchewan and Manitoba with a great variety of programs.

CJGX is an independent station, affiliated with the C.B.C. for the purpose of broadcasting programs of the Dominion Network. Thus many popular American broadcasts are brought to Yorkton listeners. Through membership in the Canadian Association of Broadcasters, CJGX subscribes to the principles of community service, and with modern equipment and studio facilities CJGX provides an outlet for Yorkton, district and national advertisers.

The management of the station has endeavored to create a balance of programming that results in a complete variety of entertainment, information, religion and sports, arranged and presented in proportion and at times found to be the most suitable for each. Serving for the most part a rural audience, CJGX's programs naturally lean towards folk music, old-time dance tunes, and western music. The station's programs are on the whole conducted in a very informal and friendly atmosphere, a feature that has helped make CJGX truly a community station and at the same time has proven its worth in listener response to many a local and national advertiser.

# Yorkton Service Clubs

lay emphasis on  
**YOUTH**





## SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

Yorkton is fortunate in having a large percentage of its population serving the needs of the people in many ways. The Yorkton and District Board of Trade has served this area for more than half a century. The same is true of the Yorkton Agricultural and Industrial Exhibition Association Limited. The annual Yorkton fair held in mid-July is one of the finest Class B fairs in the Dominion.

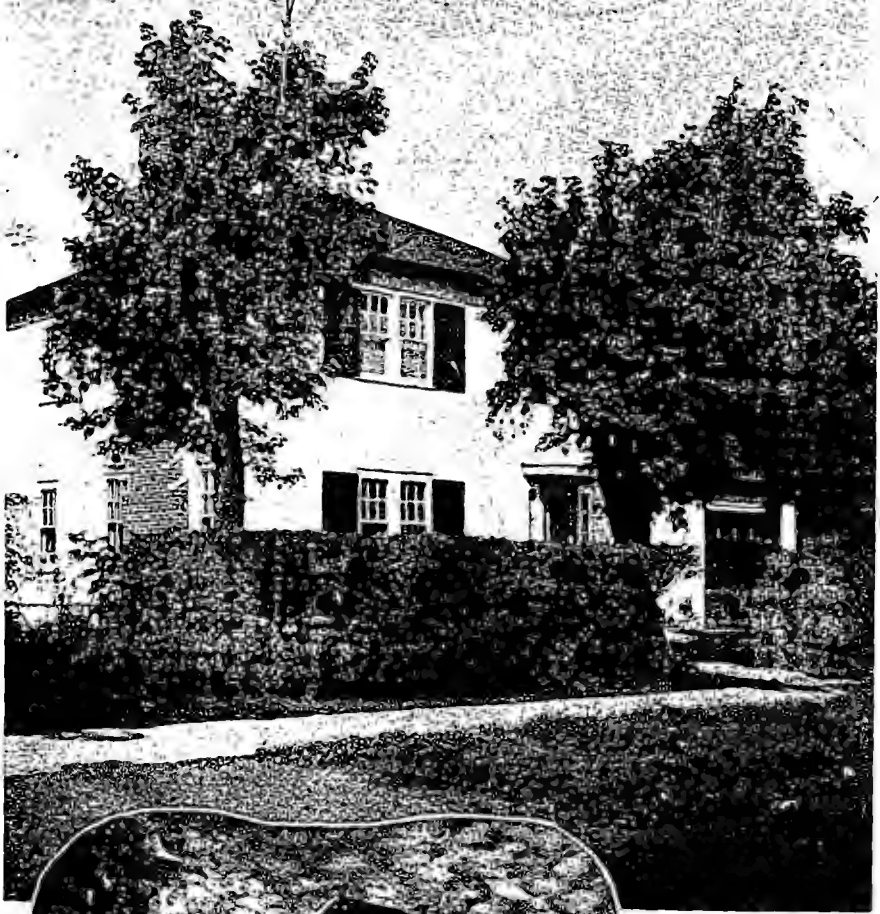
The Yorkton branch of the Canadian Legion, B.E.S.L., is most active and produced a Dominion president in General Alex Ross, C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D. It has a hall of its own and is planning for bigger and better things in the immediate future.

The Yorkton Rotary Club which began here in 1921 is the senior service club in the city and has a membership of 55. The Civic Service Club has a membership of 40, while the Kinsmen membership of 50 gives Yorkton a total of 145 actively engaged in service club work.

There are two branches of the I.O.D.E. in Yorkton, the local branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society is most active, and there are numerous fraternal organizations. The Knights of Pythias is a most active organization and has provided Yorkton with one of the finest baseball fields in the province where outstanding ball tournaments are held.



One of Yorkton's Fine Homes



A Yorkton  
Residence and the  
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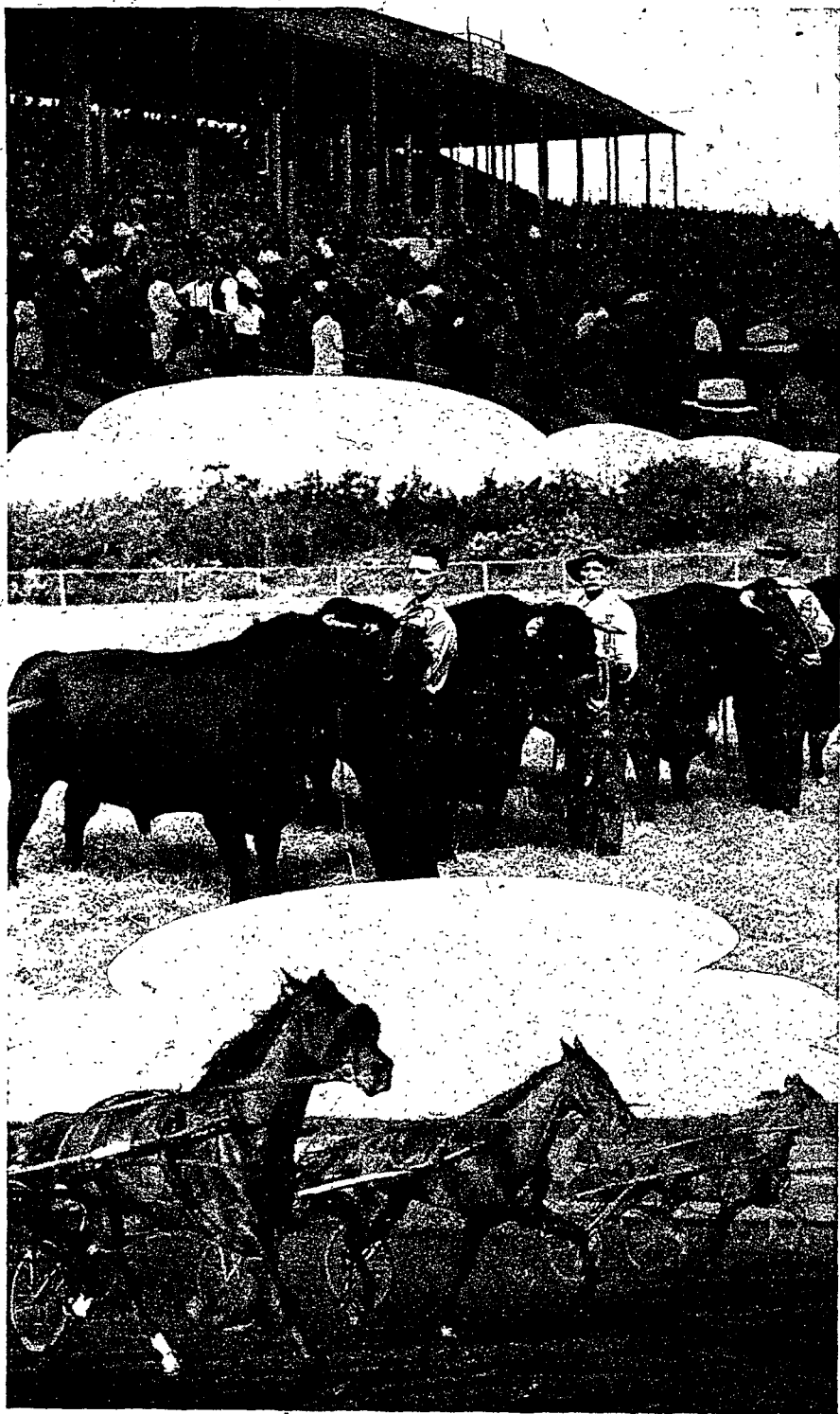


### YORKTON HAS A GOOD NEWSPAPER

For more than fifty years The Enterprise has served the people of Northeastern Saskatchewan as their leading newspaper. Starting with very primitive equipment, Yorkton's only newspaper has built up a modern, well-equipped plant which is on a par with those of larger cities. High-speed presses for both newspaper and commercial departments, the latest, most efficient equipment for setting type, and all the newest machines necessary for the successful operation of a newspaper plant. The staff comprises mostly young local men who have literally grown up in the business and have the interests of the community at heart.

Last year The Enterprise, which has an ABC circulation in excess of 4,000 copies a week, won "The Printed Word Trophy" for the best all round weekly newspaper in Saskatchewan.

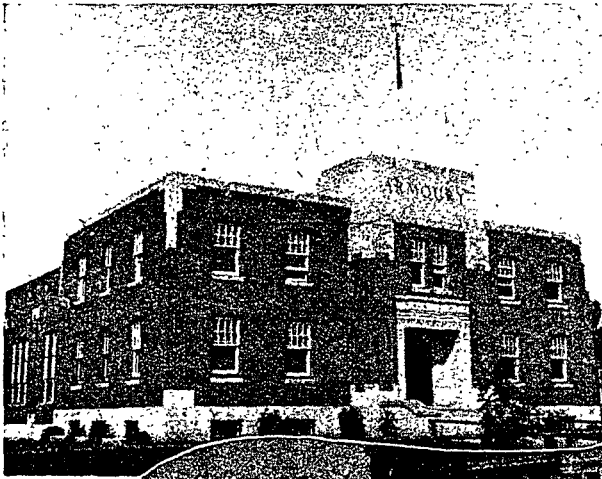




Scenes from Yorkton's Summer Fair

## YORKTON PROUD OF ITS WAR EFFORT

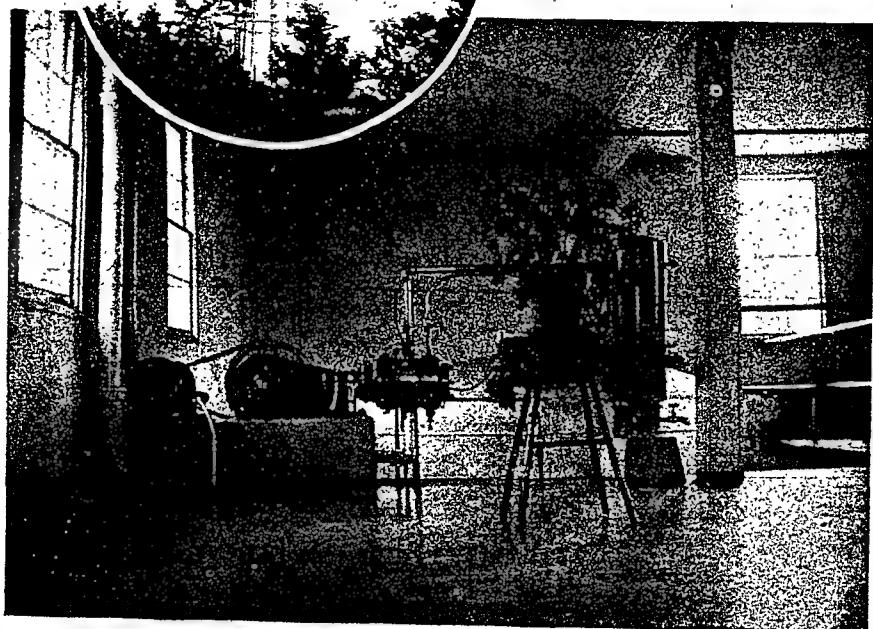
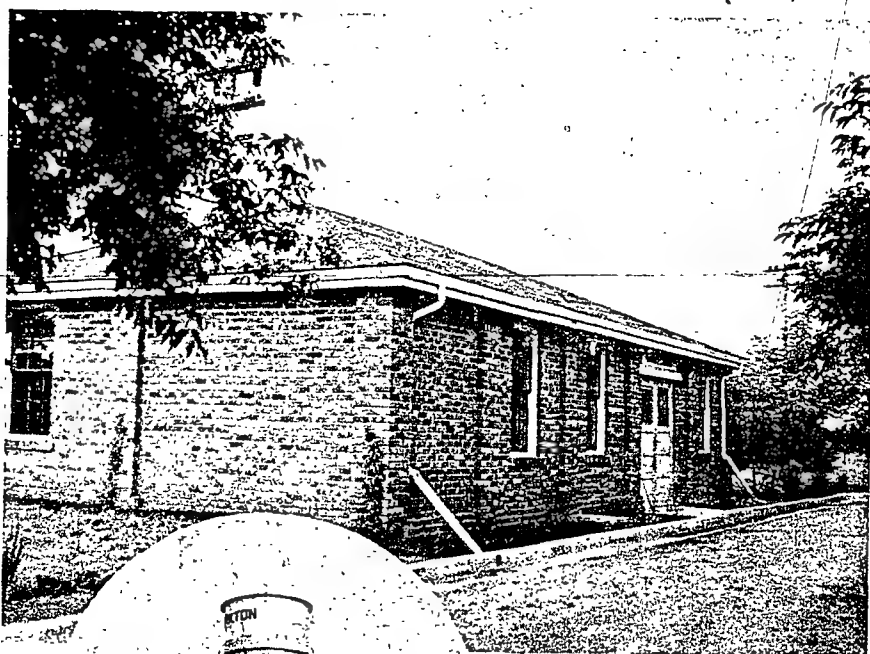
Citizens of Yorkton and district, who are a cosmopolitan lot, played their part and played it well during the war years. Hundreds of Yorkton men, many of whose parents came from central Europe, voluntarily enlisted and brought distinction to this city. Many hundreds of others served in war industries and all bought victory bonds to which reference has already been made. And the farmers of this area remained on the job and fought on the home front to provide the much-needed foodstuffs for our troops abroad.



The  
Yorkton  
Armoury



"The Boys Come Home"



## **YORKTON'S WATER SUPPLY**

The City of Yorkton has always been very favorably situated in regard to water supply. While there are large surface supplies in the immediate neighborhood, the city has never found it necessary to make use of such visible supply, but has been able to find in ample quantities underground supplies of water of very high quality. The water system of the city has been built to a high state of efficiency and is carried to all parts under high pressure, and this provides a very efficient fire protection service and the fire record of the city in consequence is one of the best in the west.

## **CITY ASSESSMENT \$4,200,000.00**

The assessment of the city for the year 1946 reached approximately \$4,200,000.00 excluding exemptions which amounted to \$2,300,000.00. For many years the tax rate has remained at the figure of 40 mills. In consequence, the burden of taxes in business has been kept at very reasonable levels.

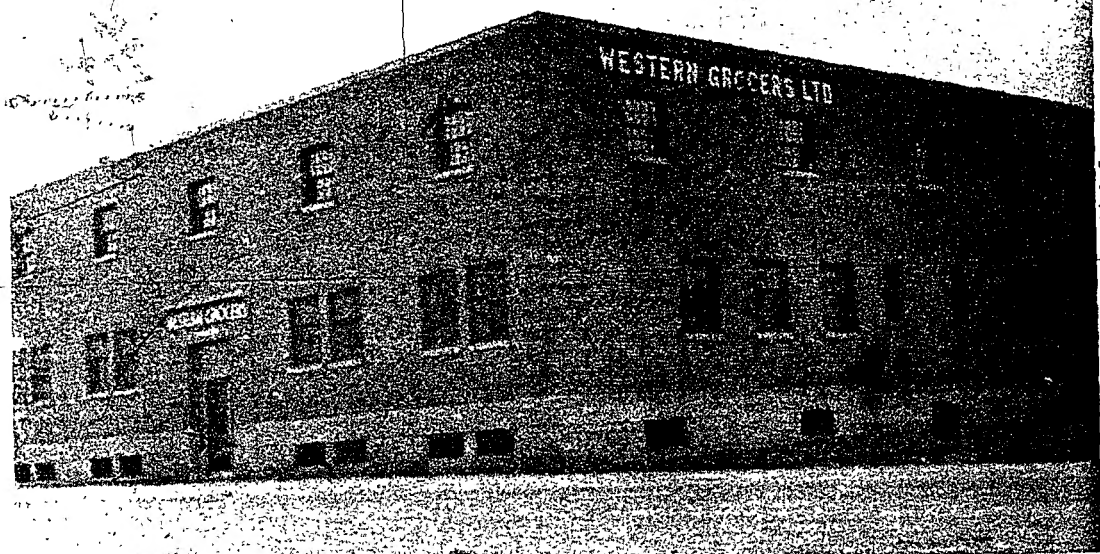
## **YORKTON A GATEWAY TO THE NORTH**

There are some progressive eastern manufacturers and wholesalers who already sense a change in the trade map of Western Canada—a change that gives the City of Yorkton exclusive and exceptional manufacturing and wholesaling advantages.

Yorkton is now the gateway to the mining north, in the sense that Winnipeg has been the gateway to the agricultural west. Yorkton occupies, on the Hudson Bay Railway, the same strategic geographical position in relation to the developing north as that which Winnipeg, in relation to the west, has occupied on the trans-continental railways. Yorkton is 125 miles nearer Churchill, nearer Liverpool, nearer the ocean ports of the world, than is any other city in Western Canada.

## **BUILDING PERMITS OVER HALF-MILLION DOLLARS**

One need but examine the building permits for 1946 to realize the progress being made in this city. Building permits totalled \$611,325.00 in 1946 and have promise of being much greater this year. One hundred and fourteen permits were issued for the erection of new homes in 1946.



### **YORKTON AS A WHOLESALE CENTRE**

Last year sixteen Yorkton wholesale firms shipped in excess of \$12,000,000 worth of goods to merchants tributary to our city. This tremendous amount of merchandise flows out of Yorkton by freight, express and highway transport. The articles shipped cover a wide range and include everything from ice cream, soft drinks, meats, groceries to all types of farming and industrial machinery and tool equipment. Over 170 commercial travellers live in Yorkton and travel over our distributing area to gather this business.

One of the big reasons for this distribution of goods is Yorkton's very favorable geographic position. Placed as we are, half way between Winnipeg and Saskatoon and with the nearest city of any size 150 miles southwest of us, Yorkton dominates Northeastern Saskatchewan and Northwestern Manitoba.

Yorkton is excellently served by two great railroad systems with the Canadian National Regina-Swan River and Sturgis-Flin Flon lines crossing the Canadian Pacific Winnipeg-Edmonton line right in the city.

Yorkton wholesalers ship as far east as Binscarth, Manitoba, and west to Lanigan on the main line C.P.R. Another very important line to our wholesales is the C.P.R. line from Sheho to Nipawin, which is very favorably served from Yorkton. A C.P.R. branch line out of Foam Lake also brings business from the Wishart and West Bend country into Yorkton.

A vast network of Canadian National lines also radiate from Yorkton. Goods from here are transferred at Melville east and west on the C.N. main line, east as far as Spy Hill and west to Nokomis. On the C.N. north

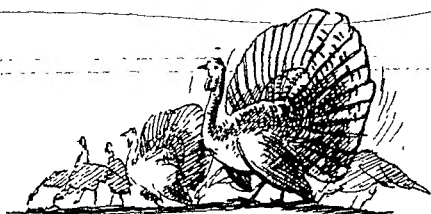


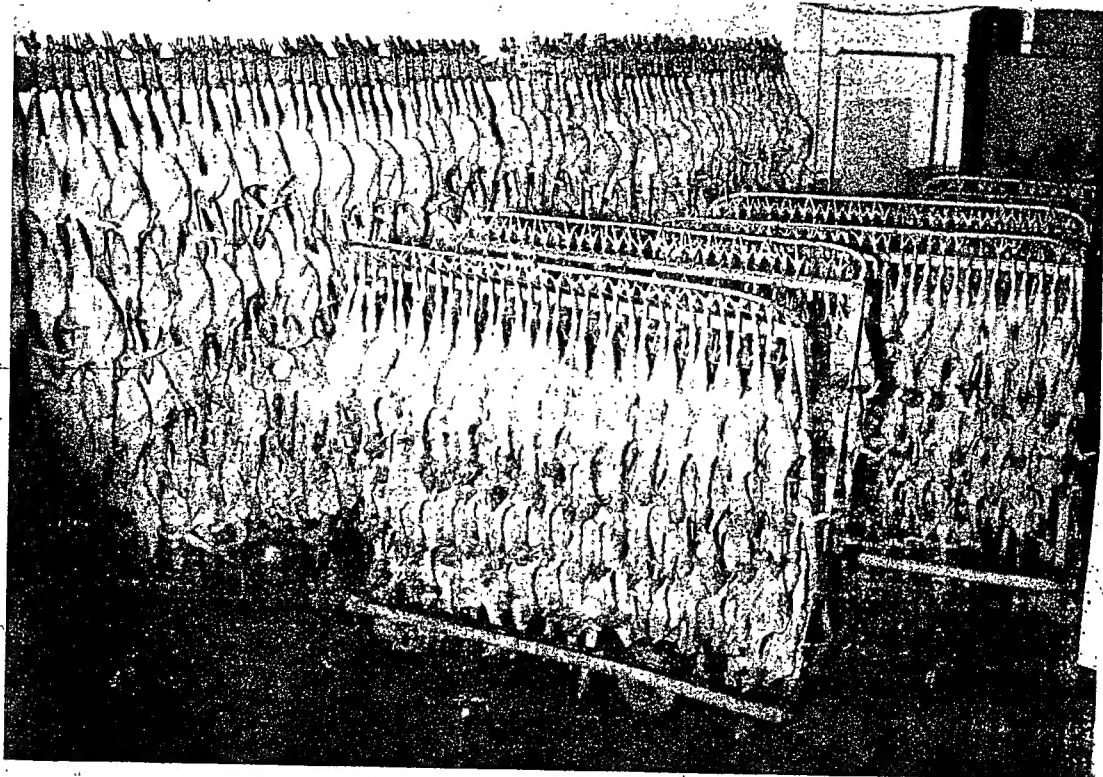
line through Canora, our territory runs east to Roblin and west to Humboldt. Possibly the most important area to most Yorkton wholesalers is the territory lying north of this served by the C.N.R. between Kelvington and Swan River, as well as the Carrot River-Crooked River-Chelan-Reserve Junction line. These two railroads along with the Flin Flon-The Pas-Hudson Bay Junction branch converge at Sturgis and Yorkton is the natural distribution centre. These rail lines tap the rich farming country of the Swan River valley as well as the fertile Carrot River valley in the northwest. Other important feeder lines converge on Yorkton, and closer to us are the Yorkton-Wroxton-Russell line, the Yorkton-Stornoway-Rhein-Canora line and the Yorkton-Parkerview line. These also bring their share of trade to our city.

Yorkton is also well served by numerous gravelled highways. It is the junction point for the No. 9 Highway running north and south from Dubuc to Hudson Bay Junction, and Highway No. 14 which crosses the Yorkton distributing area from Lanigan in the northwest to Russell, Manitoba, in the southeast. Highway No. 10 from Melville and Highway No. 52 which connects with Highway No. 15 at Ituna coming into Yorkton from the southwest and west, as well as many other intersecting roads bring in a steady flow of business to Yorkton wholesalers. A large number of highway freighters operate both in and out of Yorkton over these roads, hauling goods from Yorkton distributors to all parts of our trade territory.

Our advantageous rail and highway connections give us a distributing area of approximately 40,000 square miles. This area is mainly agricultural and is one of the best mixed farming and sure-crop areas in Western Canada. In the northern part of this distributing territory the most extensive logging and lumbering operations in Saskatchewan are carried on in the Reserve Junction and Carrot River districts.

In view of this, there is little doubt that with the many natural advantages that we enjoy, along with our location, coupled with far-sighted civic administration and a live-wire aggressive Board of Trade, Yorkton should continue to grow as a wholesale distributing centre as our territory develops.





Turkeys for Shipping — Beef on Display

